



Frequently Asked Questions & Clarifications



Chamber of
Engineers

FACTS

1 ENGINEERING SERVICES

The definition of 'engineering services' in the draft amendments sent by the Engineering Profession Board (in Nov 2019) poses a danger to the profession and to the general public as it may lead to severe abuse.



2 RESERVED ACTIVITIES

Reserved Activities' will be activities which the engineer performs such as certification with the requirement of the engineering profession warrant.



3 DEFINITION OF ENGINEER

The definition 'Engineer' in the preliminary draft sent by the board will be removed from the Act definitions.



4 PARTNERSHIP OF ENGINEERS

Articles related to the 'Partnership of engineers' will be removed from the Act.



CHAMBER'S APPROACH

The Chamber of Engineers has been actively proposing to remove this proposed new definition or the transposition of the current *Practice of Engineering* definition as provided in L.N. 354 of 2012. This Chamber sees this as being of critical importance to consolidate the act.

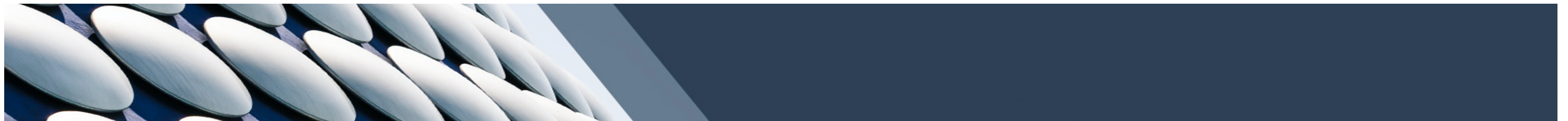
The Chamber of Engineers feels that this a step in the right direction to have various services that will require the certification of an engineer by law.

Nonetheless, engineers do not do certification only and therefore the removal of the definition of engineering services which opens the door to abuse, must be removed.

The Chamber of Engineers, after consultation with its members is pressuring the board to introduce the definition of 'Inginier' and correspondingly to change the title of the act to 'Inginiera Act' to emphasise the exclusivity of the title.

This not only protects the definition but elevates it to the national professional title.

This modification is required for compliance with EU legislation requiring that engineers do not hold more than 50% shares in an engineering company.



MISINTERPRETATIONS

1 'ING' TITLE

The 'Ing' title or the Engineering Profession warrant will be removed, or they will be made obsolete.



2 CHANGES FROM THE EC

The changes being proposed in the draft revisions sent by the Engineering Profession Board do not derive from the European Commission (EC).



3 ANNIHILATION OF PROFESSION

The Engineering Profession will be completely annihilated.



4 ENTITY IDENTIFICATION

The Malta Association of Professional Engineers (MAPE) is part of the Chamber of Engineers. The Engineering Profession Board and the Chamber of Engineers are the same entity.



CLARIFICATION

The articles in the Act related to the professional title protected at law, and the warrant were never proposed to be removed in the draft amendments sent by the Engineering Profession Board (in Nov 2019). Moreover, the Chamber is pushing for the definition of 'Inginier' to be included in the Act definitions.

The Chamber of Engineers has requested the Engineering Profession Board to view correspondence and text edits directly from the EC. This request has been granted and the Chamber confirms that the changes in the Engineering Profession Act have been driven, and in some cases blatantly written, by EC representatives. The Chamber also communicated directly with the commission and members have been provided with the letters from both the Chamber and the Commission. The Chamber is ensuring that changes redundant to directives are carefully outlined and rehailed to safeguard our Act and protect the profession.

Whilst the Chamber has been adamantly clear about rehauling the amendments to protect the profession and the general public, such statements are misleading.

Therefore, a careful update of the law is needed to ensure alignment with the EU directives while completely protecting the engineer and the profession. Professional ethics, values and service, together with the supporting legal framework, ensure our profession remains strong and relevant in society and country.

The Chamber of Engineers is the profession's representative body while MAPE is a registered trade union. The two entities are separate and independent.

The Engineering Profession Board consists of members appointed by the Minister and elected members. It is independent and separate from the Chamber of Engineers.

