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MEMORANDUM OF INTENT (MoI) BETWEEN ENGINEERING COUNCIL OF INDIA (ECI) AND



ENGINEERS REGISTRATION BOARD (ERB), TANZANIA

This Memorandum of Intent (MoI) is made and entered into by and between the Engineering Council of India (ECI), a statutory body established under the laws of India, and the Engineers Registration Board (ERB), a statutory body established under the Engineers Registration Act Cap. 63 of Tanzania, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".



WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge the importance of fostering closer cooperation between the engineering regulatory bodies in India and Tanzania in order to enhance professional mobility, mutual recognition of qualifications, and the continued professional development of engineers across borders:

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the benefits of exploring processes for the validation of professional qualifications, particularly the Professional Engineer Certification issued by ECI and ERB, to facilitate the recognition of ECI-certified engineers' qualifications in Tanzania and ERB Certified engineers' qualification, and to streamline their path to obtaining licensure in Tanzania and India respectively;

WHEREAS, the Parties aim to explore the possibility of establishing a Joint Certification Programme (JCP) to further enhance the recognition of professional qualifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree to collaborate on the following areas, with the objective of working towards a formal Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA):

1. Objectives of the Collaboration

The Parties agree to work together in the following areas:

1.1 Reciprocal Validation of Professional Qualifications:

To explore the process for validating the Professional Engineer Certificate issued by ECI and ERB, which will allow ECI-certified engineers and ERB Certified Engineers to have their qualifications recognized and streamline their path to obtaining licensure in Tanzania and India.

1.2 Joint Certification Programme (JCP):

To discuss and explore the potential establishment of a Joint Certification Programme (JCP) that will enhance the mutual recognition of professional engineering qualifications between the two countries.

1.3 Reciprocal Recognition and Registration Matters:

To work towards the recognition of each other's engineering certifications and qualifications, promoting a mutual understanding of registration processes and ethical standards for engineering practice.

1.4 Professional Mobility:

To enhance the professional mobility of engineers by facilitating easier cross-border recognition of professional qualifications and licenses.

2. Roadmap for the Collaboration

The Parties agree to follow a structured approach to establish the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), as follows:

2.1 Visits and Consultations:

- Visit of ECI to ERB: A delegation from ECI will visit ERB in Tanzania to further explore the proposed collaboration, discuss regulatory frameworks, and identify potential

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areas for mutual recognition and the establishment of a Joint Certification Programme (JCP).

- Visit of ERB to ECI: A delegation from ERB will visit ECI in India to engage in similar discussions, review the registration and licensure processes, and understand the requirements for mutual recognition of engineering qualifications.
- Consultations with Local Approval Mechanisms: Both Parties will engage with relevant local approval bodies and mechanisms in each country to ensure that all aspects of the proposed collaboration comply with national laws and regulatory frameworks.

2.2 Signing of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA):

Following the successful visit and consultation process, the Parties will sign the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), which will formalize the recognition of each other's professional qualifications and certifications, and outline the terms and conditions for ongoing collaboration.

2.3 Monitoring and Evaluation:

Both Parties will establish a framework for monitoring and evaluating the progress and outcomes of the collaboration. This will include periodic reviews to ensure that the objectives of the MRA are being met and to address any issues that may arise during the implementation phase.

3. Commitments of the Parties

3.1 Engineering Council of India (ECI):

Parties will organize the initial consultations, and coordinate the visits of both Parties. Parties will also provide the necessary documentation related to the Professional Engineer Certificate and the licensure processes for review by the Regulatory bodies of both parties.

3.2 Engineers Registration Board (ERB):

Parties will ensure that the agreement reflects the regulatory requirements and goals of Tanzania and India. Parties will also facilitate the required consultations with local approval bodies and coordinate the necessary preparations for visits.

4. Confidentiality

Both Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive or proprietary information exchanged during the collaboration process. This includes, but is not limited to, professional qualification records, registration processes, and internal policies of both organizations.

5. Duration and Termination

This MoI will remain in effect until the signing of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), or until either Party notifies the other of its intention to discontinue the collaboration. Either Party may terminate this MoI with a written notice, providing a 30-day notice period.

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6. Amendments

Any amendments or modifications to this Mol must be made in writing and agreed upon by both Parties.

7. Indemnification

Both Parties agree to indemnify and hold harmless each other from any liabilities, damages, or claims arising from the actions or omissions of the respective Parties in connection with this collaboration.

8. Effective Date

This Memorandum of Intent shall become effective on the date of signature by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Intent on the respective dates written below:

For the Engineering Council of India (ECI):	In the Presence of;
Engineering Council of India	New Delhi
Signature: Authorised Signatory	Signature:
Name: Dr. P R Swarup	Name: Praveen Tiwari
Title: Member Secretary	Title: Director
Date: 01.12.2024	Date: 01 · 12 · 2024
For the Engineers Registration Board (ERB),	In the Presence of
Signature:	Signature:
Name: Eng. BERNARD KAVISHE	Name: Littly G TLAIA
REGISTRAR Title: ENGINEERS REGISTRATION BOX	ARIHE: Ag Head of Legal Unit
Date: 01.12.2024 P.O. Box 2768	Date: 01t December, 2024

This MoI serves as a formal statement of intent to collaborate and sets the groundwork for the development of a more detailed and binding Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between the Parties.

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