# Engineering Council Registration Review

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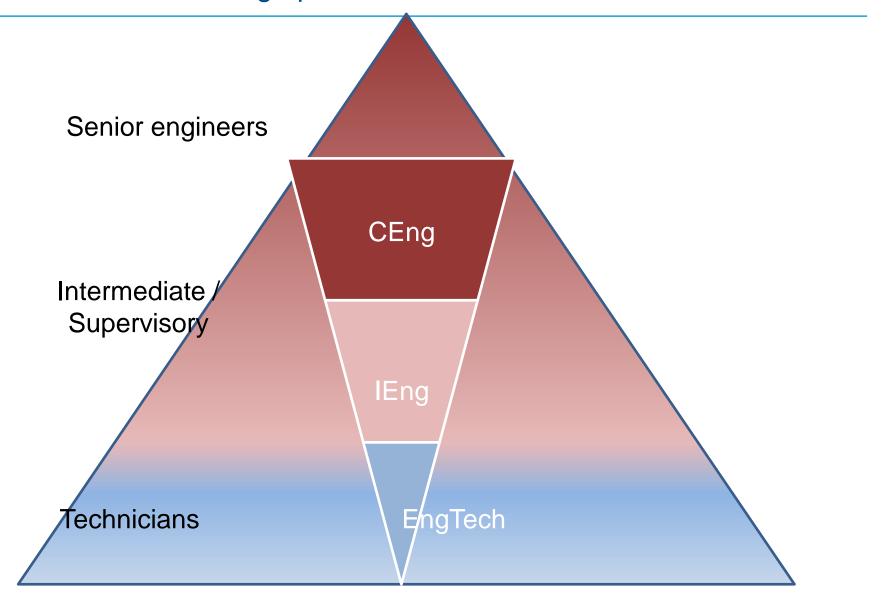


# Core principles

- Registration must meet the needs of society, the [UK] economy and the [evolving] profession
- The driver for engineer and technician registration must be the public interest
- The Engineering Council and its register must be truly representative of the profession
- The profession should be inclusive



# How are we measuring up?





# Design principles

# Make UK-SPEC more tangible to individuals, employers and society

- Understand the blockers to registration and progression
- Clear thresholds with distinctive characteristics
- Defined in terms of the level of independent professional judgement and responsibility exercised
- Alignment to industry
- Parity of esteem for those fulfilling important roles at intermediate levels
- Progression must be a realistic goal for those who want it, but must not compromise the Standard
- Pathways into and through the profession determined by individual needs and opportunities
- Parity of progression for technical and academic routes



# Design principle – alignment to employment level

EngTech+

Engineering
Technician
(EngTech)

Registered
Technician

Senior Technician

Supervising Technician

Qualified Technician

**Principal Engineer** Senior Engineer Qualified/Intermediate/Supervising (?) Engineer Junior/Early career Engineer

Chartered
Engineer (CEng)

Registered
Engineer (REng)



# Things to consider

- Is this one structure or two?
  - Has anybody asked technicians what they want?
  - Are senior technicians the same as intermediate engineers (knowledge, skills, responsibilities)?
  - Do all EngTechs aspire to be IEng or CEng?
- How many levels should there be?
- What titles should go with them?
- What kind of descriptors are useful?



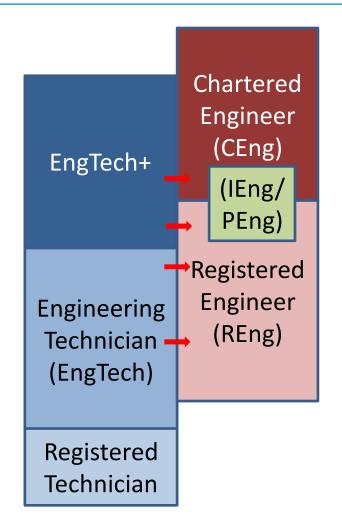
#### One structure or two?

Chartered Engineer (CEng)

Professional Engineer (IEng/PEng)

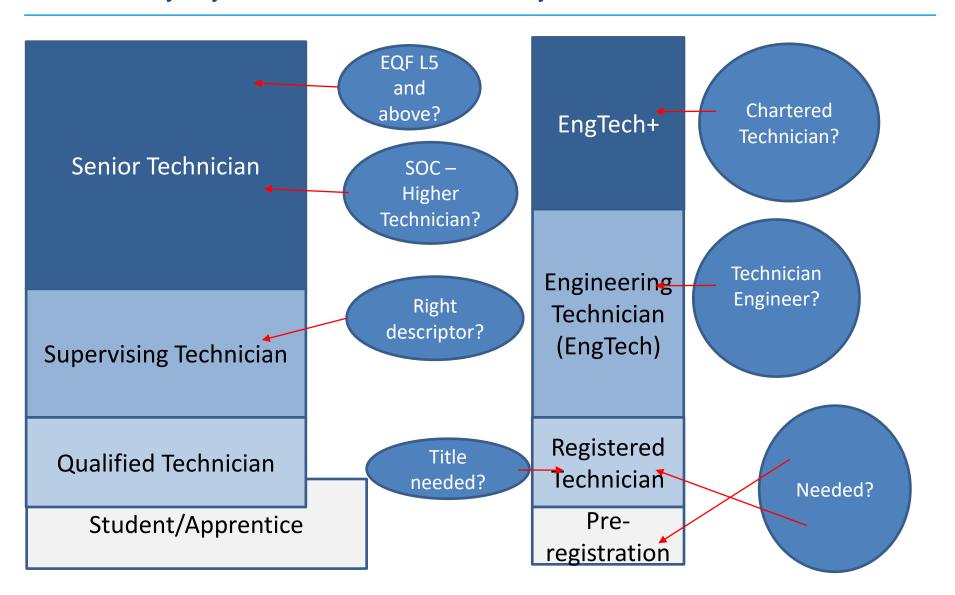
Registered Engineer (REng)

EngTech



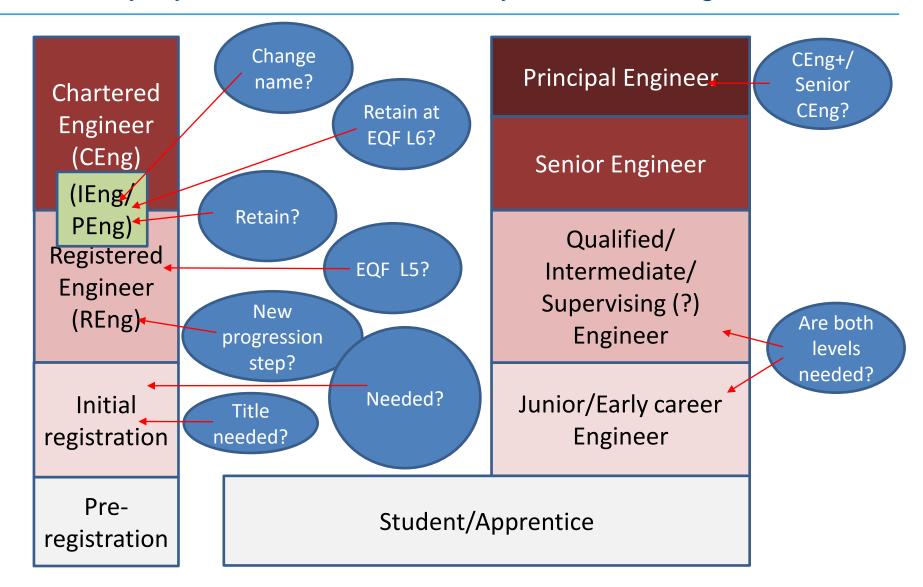


# How many layers and what should they be called - technicians





# How many layers and what should they be called - engineers





# **Descriptors** -

#### Characteristics

- Autonomy, responsibility, judgement
- Impact: scope and scale
- Skills
- Knowledge
- Behaviours

# European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning

- Knowledge
- Skills
- Competence expressed in terms of:
  - Responsibility
  - Autonomy



# Next Steps

- Further development
  - Articulate value proposition
  - Graphic representation
  - Narrative description
- Three options
  - Retain existing structure
  - One structure with an additional intermediate layer
  - Separate Technician and Engineer structures with transferability
- Focus Groups
- Wider Consultation

