

**ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEM POLICY FOR
UNRECOGNISED 3-YEAR ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES (B.Eng. or B.Sc.Eng.)**

BEM does not recognise 3-year B.Eng. or B.Sc.Eng. programmes conducted locally even though they are accredited by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

CURRENT TOP-UP POLICY ENDS IN 2021

Under the current policy, applicants with such academic qualifications may be accepted for Graduate Engineer (GE) registration on completion of an engineering Masters programme by coursework (in the same or related engineering branch as the basic degree) from any universities where their Bachelor degrees in the related branch are accredited or recognised by the Board. The combined curricula of both Bachelors AND Masters programmes must fulfil the required core courses requirements for that branch of engineering, and these are evaluated on case to case basis.

This current policy will end in December 2021. However, potential applicants who have completed or on enrolment of such Masters programmes on or before 31st December 2021 will not be affected by the new policy.

NEW TOP-UP POLICY BEGINS IN 2022 FOR TWO YEARS

Beginning 1st January 2022, graduates of local B.Eng. or B.Sc.Eng. programmes will be required to take special 2-year top-up engineering programmes from designated local universities in order to fulfil the requirements for Graduate Engineer (GE) registration. The details of this programme shall be made available at a later date. The application for registration as GE will still be considered on a case to case basis.

This new policy will be implemented for a two year period and will end on 31st December 2023.

After this date, it is intended that such 3-year engineering programmes will no longer be considered at all by BEM even with top-up programmes. Hence beginning 1st January 2024, graduates of intake of 2024 onwards from local 3-year B.Eng. or B.Sc.Eng. programmes will no longer have any pathway to be registered as Graduate Engineers with BEM.

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