

INTRODUCTION

EXPLANATION -- WORKSHOP PURPOSE & OVERVIEW

TIME: 15 min.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Participants will understand the rationale for the workshop and its objectives.

DESCRIPTION:

- ❑ Explain the rationale behind the creation of the Workshop. Points you may wish to cover include:
 - *Each year Ontario receives more than 100,000 immigrants, half of whom are highly educated and trained. Many need to become licensed or certified in order to practice their profession in Ontario.*
 - *Government has an interest in ensuring that newcomers are able to work in their profession; this prevents unemployment and fulfills Canada's human resource needs.*
 - *Many newcomers feel they have been unable to find work in their profession because they lack Canadian experience, lack the required language skills (both sector-specific terminology and general workplace communication skills) and/or lack information on professional licensing and Canada's job market. This workshop was created to address these needs.*
- ❑ Instruct participants to open their Workbooks to **page 1**. Review the Workshop Goals with them (using the overhead provided) and outline the structure of the workshop.

You may wish to emphasize that this workshop is not a job search workshop (although job search resources are provided).

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- ❑ The legislation related to professional engineering in Ontario.
- ❑ The requirements for gaining a license as a professional engineer in Ontario.
- ❑ The impact of technology on engineering in Ontario.
- ❑ Opportunities and rules surrounding self-employment for engineers.
- ❑ Opportunities for networking with other members of your profession.
- ❑ Opportunities in related occupations, specifically, Engineering Technologists and Technicians.

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