

# Engineering Stream Overview

## NSW Government Graduate Program

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Graduates in the Engineering stream will contribute to critical high-profile initiatives that impact the citizens of NSW. They will analyse and address problems and come up with practical ways to change things so they perform better in areas from health, infrastructure, to transport.

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## Snapshot

### Employment



- 18-months temporary employment with the home agency
- Clerk Grade 3/4 (or equivalent)
- Ongoing role upon successful completion of the program

### Development



- Tailored engineering development program delivered by Engineering Education Australia
- Engineers Australia membership
- Working in Government workshop
- Performance and development plans
- 3 x 6-month placements

### Support



- Welcome event and program induction
- Agency Coordinators
- Structured mentoring
- Executive Sponsor
- Placement Managers
- Networking events
- Virtual Graduate Hub
- LinkedIn Graduate Program alumni group



## Employment

Engineering stream graduates are employed and paid by their home agency for the 18-month program in a temporary Clerk Grade 3/4 (or equivalent) level role. The secondment mechanism is used when graduates rotate to a host agency for external placements.

Graduates must be offered an ongoing role at level in the home agency on successful completion of the program. See the Engineering stream Success Criteria.

Please visit the [NSW Government Graduate Program Resources](#) site for the current Engineering Graduate Role Description.

## Cost to participating agencies

The home agency will fund the graduate's salary (plus on-costs) at the Clerk Grade 3/4 (or equivalent) level and pay the cost of the mentoring and education components.

Commitment	Per Graduate, 2025 Program
Annual Salary, Clerk 3/4 (or equivalent)	Approx. \$79,032
Education	EEA \$5,290 UTS \$65 (Working in Government workshop)
Mentoring Program	\$1,409

Agencies will be invoiced directly by the provider for the mentoring and education components.



## Development

### Tailored Engineering Development Program

Graduates complete an engineering development program designed and delivered by Engineering Education Australia (EEA). The 12-month blended learning program combines self-paced online learning, collaborative digital learning and workplace projects. Topic areas covered by the modules include:

- personal empowerment
- project management and procurement
- professional skills

### Engineers Australia Membership

Graduates receive a membership of Engineers Australia, giving them access to networking and training events, volunteer opportunities, online short courses and other benefits. The graduate membership is tailored to support early-career engineers as they transition to professional work.

Graduate attendance and participation in all formal learning is mandatory.

Graduates are entitled to one study day per month to undertake any formal development and to complete assessments during working hours, if required. The timing of these is to be coordinated with the manager. Managers should check in with the graduate on a regular basis regarding progress toward their formal learning and how they can assist the graduate with their studies. The PSC will keep in contact with managers on the graduate's progress.

Please note this is not formal study leave and is not required to be entered in SAP or the agencies payroll system. It was built into the program to ensure equal access to study time across all agencies.

### Working in Government workshop

To build foundational knowledge of government and understand how government works, graduates will attend a one-day whole of cohort workshop as part of the development program with the University of Technology. This face-to-face workshop will cover:

- Understanding NSW public sector context
- Promote the values and ethics of the NSW public service
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- Ethical, sustainable and socially responsible practice

Graduates attend the workshop during work time and attendance and participation in all formal learning is mandatory.

## Placements

As part of the program's exposure component, graduates complete 3x 6-month placements.

Graduates are expected to rotate out to a different agency for placement 2 and return for placement 3. \*Working in different agencies helps to broaden a graduate's understanding of how NSW Government works in a variety of different contexts, an important component of their career development and progression. \* in some regional locations this may not be possible.

## Performance and Development Plans (PDP)

Graduates complete one PDP with each 6-month placement in consultation with their manager. A dedicated online platform has been developed to facilitate a consistent and accessible process across the sector. For more information, please see the Program Guide and other resources available on the [NSW Government Graduate Program Resources](#) site.

## Success criteria

Component	Criteria	As assessed by
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes all components of the engineering development program</li> <li>• Working in Government workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering Education Australia:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Formal assessments as part of the engineering development program</li> <li>○ University of Technology Sydney</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets all 16 capabilities as defined in the stream specific role description</li> <li>• Overall, performance is at the 'Achieving' level or higher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home agency:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Performance and development plan reviews</li> <li>○ Overall progress and performance of the graduate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Contact

Your Agency Coordinator is the first point of contact for queries related to the NSW Government Graduate Program. Contact information is available on the [NSW Government Graduate Program Resources](#) site.