

ECSL Registration of Foreign Engineering Practitioners – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is ECSL?

The Engineering Council, Sri Lanka (ECSL) is the statutory regulatory body established under the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Act, No. 4 of 2017, to maintain professional standards and regulate the conduct of engineering practitioners in Sri Lanka.

2. Is ECSL registration legally required for Foreign Engineering Practitioners?

Yes. In terms of Sections 14 and 18 of the Engineering Council, Sri Lanka Act, No. 4 of 2017, Foreign Engineering Practitioners are required to obtain registration from ECSL before engaging in engineering practice in Sri Lanka.

Further, under Section 40 of the Act, engaging in engineering practice without the required registration constitutes an offence under the law.

Accordingly, organizations intending to employ, engage, or obtain the services of Foreign Engineering Practitioners for engineering practice in Sri Lanka should ensure that such practitioners obtain ECSL registration before applying for the relevant visa.

3. Who is considered an Engineering Practitioner?

An Engineering Practitioner is a person engaged in engineering practice or engineering-related technical functions in Sri Lanka. This includes persons functioning at different levels and under different designations, ranging from Chartered Engineers to Engineering Technicians, provided that they are involved in engineering practice or engineering-related activities.

4. How can a Foreign Engineering Practitioner register with ECSL?

Foreign Engineering Practitioners apply for ECSL registration by following the steps below:

1. Visit the official website of ECSL: www.ecsl.gov.lk
2. Go to the "Registration" menu.
3. Select "Foreign Engineering Practitioners".
4. Download the application form.
5. Complete the application form in accordance with the instructions provided.
6. Make the applicable registration fee payment and obtain the payment slip.
7. Send the scanned application, supporting documents, and payment slip by email to registrar@ecsl.gov.lk.

If the required conditions are satisfied, the registration certificate will be issued by email. If the application is unsuccessful, the registration fee will be refunded.

5. What is the validity period of the registration?

As per the Act, the initial registration is valid for a period of four months.

6. Can the registration be renewed after expiry?

Yes. The registration may be renewed after expiry. The renewal procedure is available on the ECSL website.

Renewal will be granted for a period of one year, subject to the payment of the applicable renewal fee and fulfilment of the relevant requirements.

7. How long does it take to issue the registration certificate?

The registration certificate will be issued within a maximum period of two weeks, subject to the submission of all required documents and fulfilment of the applicable requirements.

8. Whom should I contact for further inquiries?

For any inquiries regarding Foreign Engineering Practitioner registration, please contact:

Registrar

Engineering Council, Sri Lanka.

Tel: 011258811

Email: registrar@ecsl.gov.lk