



## THE OIQ INTRODUCES the self-evaluation questionnaire!

Information technologies are very fertile ground for innovating and launching new forms. The OIQ has taken advantage of them to create a modern training tool: the online self-evaluation questionnaire.

In the last few weeks, you may have received an e-mail from the OIQ asking you to fill out your self-evaluation questionnaire. If so, you are part of the first cohort that will answer it. In total, 2,000 engineers will be selected this year to participate in the activity.

The self-evaluation questionnaire is a complementary tool for professional inspection and will be included from now on in the professional practice supervision program. As you know, in addition to inspecting members' work, OIQ inspectors provide information and share knowledge with members to help them improve their professional practice. The questionnaire itself helps engineers evaluate their own knowledge and shortcomings in relation to their professional obligations.

### IT IS NOT A TEST!

The self-evaluation questionnaire may very well help you evaluate your knowledge of the engineering profession, but it is not a test and will not be graded. It is mainly intended as a preventative measure to make engineers aware and inform them of important information such as their professional obligations.

But the questionnaire is also meant to support your development. It allows you to take stock of your own professional knowledge. It also provides you with complementary information and suggests references if you want to find out more.

## A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS

When you answer the questionnaire, you will be asked questions about a number of different topics that fall within the scope of professional competencies, such as those covered by the Engineers Act and the Code of Ethics of Engineers, in addition to recordkeeping, professional liability insurance, continuing education and engineering documents.

The questions are divided up based on the four general sections of the reference framework for the professional competencies of engineers:

- Act professionally;
- Manage your projects and teams;
- Demonstrate your personal skills;
- Communicate effectively.

## TWO VERY FULL HOURS

If you receive the self-evaluation questionnaire, you are required to fill it out within 30 days of receiving the notice.

Set aside an appropriate time to fill it out, because the questionnaire may only be filled out once. Although it takes an average of two hours to complete, you have a total of four hours to do so.

The questions mainly present potential scenarios in several fields of engineering to effectively illustrate how professional obligations fit into your practice and affect it. As soon as you provide an answer, you will know whether you got it right or not. In addition, an explication will be provided with the right answer so that you can improve your knowledge of the topic.

At the end of the questionnaire, you will receive a report with recommended training activities and readings based on your results. Ultimately, once you have finished the questionnaire, you will probably have a better idea of what your professional obligations are and what you need to do to achieve a better mastery of them.

We should also mention that once you have filled out the questionnaire, the supporting documentation will be entered into your member file and you will be credited with the equivalent of two hours of continuing education.

## FOR WHOM IS SELF-EVALUATION INTENDED?

All OIQ members, whatever their age and however many years of experience they have, are likely to receive the self-evaluation questionnaire. Two exceptions: engineers with retired status and engineers who are retired. ◀

## RHÉAUME VEILLEUX, ENG., ANSWERED THE QUESTIONNAIRE... QUESTIONNAIRE...

**Rhéaume Veilleux, an engineer with 40 years of experience, of which 30 were spent at Hydro-Québec and 10 at consulting engineering firms for international projects, is currently a project manager at Hatch. He agreed to fill out and comment on the self-evaluation questionnaire during its development for the purpose of testing it.**

"I have long been interested in the rights and obligations of engineers. In my opinion, it is very important for engineers to stay informed of these matters, which are always topical. Even for an engineer like me who has practiced for a long time, there is always more to learn and know!

The self-evaluation questionnaire is extremely relevant. I had to do some research for certain questions that I would not have done otherwise. Its wording is not tricky. Explanations are provided with the answers. On a personal note, it specifically helped me better understand the responsibility involved in the technical documents that we provide for technical mandates.

The questionnaire is a step in the right direction. It has a training objective, which is very good. To stay aware and up to date on technical issues, I taught for over 20 years and still give seminars. It is essential for all engineers to pursue training opportunities throughout their entire career.»