

## Engineers Ireland formally recognises participation in NSAI Standards Committees as Continuing Professional Development (CPD)



*Photo by Conor McCabe (L-R) Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive Officer of NSAI, Caroline Spillane, Director General of Engineers Ireland, and Maurice Buckley, President of Engineers Ireland.*

- Standards Committees, operated by NSAI, formulate standards for all areas of industry and society, to ensure national and international safety and uniformity.
- Engineers Ireland formally recognises member participation in Standards Committees as part of annual CPD hours.

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Engineers Ireland has formally endorsed their members' participation in Standards Committees as a form of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). These Committees, operated by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI), partake in the creation of national, European and international Standards. The Standards produce a level of safety and uniformity across all industries and facets of society, while encouraging a single market by removing technical barriers to trade.

### **NSAI's Chief Executive Officer, Geraldine Larkin said:**

"Getting formal recognition from one of Ireland's largest professional bodies is a great honour for NSAI. It speaks volumes about the ongoing work in Ireland's Standards Committees. Standards are built on a foundation of collaboration, knowledge exchange and professional experience, making Standards Committees an exciting and fruitful opportunity for many of our Experts.

"Participation in Standards Committees allows members to network, share their expertise and gain a competitive advantage while engaging with Standards for emerging technologies, products and services."

**Maurice Buckley, President of Engineers Ireland, said:** “Many of our members are very positively impacted by their involvement in Standards Committees. When I was inaugurated as President of Engineers Ireland on 30 June last, I referenced how important it is for engineers to be involved in Standards Development activities. I have seen myself first-hand how companies and individual engineers gain a tremendous knowledge through their engagement with such work. It is an activity we have always encouraged within Engineers Ireland, and we’re delighted to strengthen that by qualifying the time dedicated to the work on NSAI Standards Committees as part of a member’s annual CPD requirement.”

**Caroline Spillane, Director General of Engineers Ireland, said:** “Engineers Ireland recognises the important work of the NSAI in developing standards and issuing certification which improves the performance of Irish business and protects consumers. Engineers are active users of National Standards and it’s important that the profession engages in the development of these Standards. The activities taking place at NSAI allow our members to grow professionally, while making significant contributions to their area of expertise. We encourage our members’ further participation on the NSAI Standards Committees and are very pleased to recognise that active participation through the award of CPD hours.”

“National and International Standards are fundamental to the safe design, construction, commissioning, and operation of electrical installations,” said **Padraig Plunkett, a member of Engineers Ireland and a participant in NSAI’s Standards Committees.**

“It follows that Standards Development is a key function in terms of keeping standards relevant to current technology available in all areas. Working on Standards Development with engineers specialising in different areas provides the opportunity of making a positive contribution to the industry and in parallel, improve the individual’s professional knowledge.”

Those interested in joining a Standards Committee can do so by registering their interest at: <https://www.nsa.ie/standards/standards-committees/get-involved-in-standards-development/>

#### **Editor’s Notes:**

##### **About the National Standards Authority of Ireland**

NSAI is Ireland’s official standards body. It has responsibility for providing services for standardization, conformity assessment and measurement. Its primary aim is to improve the efficiency and performance of Irish business and enhance consumers’ confidence through standardization.

NSAI carries out this task by developing standards, inspecting measuring instruments used in trade, conducting audits and issuing certificates on the application of standards to goods, services and measurements. NSAI provides a diverse catalogue of certification services, giving businesses and organisations the tools to demonstrate that their goods and services conform to the highest international standards.

NSAI’s services help to enable trade, protect the consumer and ensure that products and services can be relied upon nationally and across the world.

##### **About Engineers Ireland**

Engineers Ireland is the voice of the engineering profession in Ireland. The Institution has over 25,000 members who make up a community of creative professionals delivering sustainable solutions for society. The Institution has been representing the engineering profession since 1835,

making it one of the oldest and largest professional bodies in Ireland. Members come from every discipline of engineering and range from students to fellows of the profession. Under an Act of the Oireachtas, Engineers Ireland is the sole authority to award the title of Chartered Engineer in the Republic of Ireland.

The Engineers Ireland CPD policy helps to ensure that the standard and competence of its members is regarded as world class. Engineers Ireland requires its members to undertake and record 35 hours of CPD activities each year with the exception of student members and retired members. For more information about this CPD policy from Engineers Ireland see its website [here](#).

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