

PRESS RELEASE

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The Malta Chamber stands with the Chamber of Engineers on the Engineering Profession Act

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and industry fully supports the Chamber of Engineers (CoE) recent position on the proposed amendments to the Engineering Profession Act.

After partaking in a focus group with its members made up of Engineers, the Malta Chamber believes that the act should retain the definition of 'engineer' and what are the requirements that a person has to satisfy to qualify to be called and take the responsibilities of the Engineer.

Replacing the "Engineer" with Engineering services is like replacing the definition of a lawyer with legal services or the definition of a doctor with medical services. The proposed legislation enables the participation of non-qualified persons, who do not necessarily hold a warrant or the necessary training to take the responsibilities associated with a professional service. This is detrimental to the possible quality of service received by the local industry and the general public apart from other risks related to health and safety. The new legislation practically removes engineering from the list of professions that are so important and necessary for the benefit of the Country.

The Malta Chamber and CoE are both in agreement that the Engineering Profession Act needs to be updated to address the challenges within the local and international market and to make the profession more relevant to the today's needs of the country and to make it compulsory for engineers to keep abreast of the technological developments to be able to give the Country and its industry the best service. The Chamber looks forward to continue collaborating with the CoE to reach a better understanding with government.

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