

# Professional Engineers Registration Scheme

## Information Forum

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# Background

Infrastructure is a priority for the Victorian Government.



Chief Engineer



Infrastructure Victoria



Registration of engineers



## Background

- Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) is responsible for the *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019* to be implemented by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV).
- Commencement date for the scheme is **1 July 2021** and with all five identified areas of engineering rolled out over three years.
- At the end of this cycle there will be a review and consideration given to additional areas of engineering.

## Background



It is estimated that the Business Licensing Authority (BLA) will register approximately 28,000+ Victorian engineers over the first three years.

# Scheme

## Co-regulatory scheme:

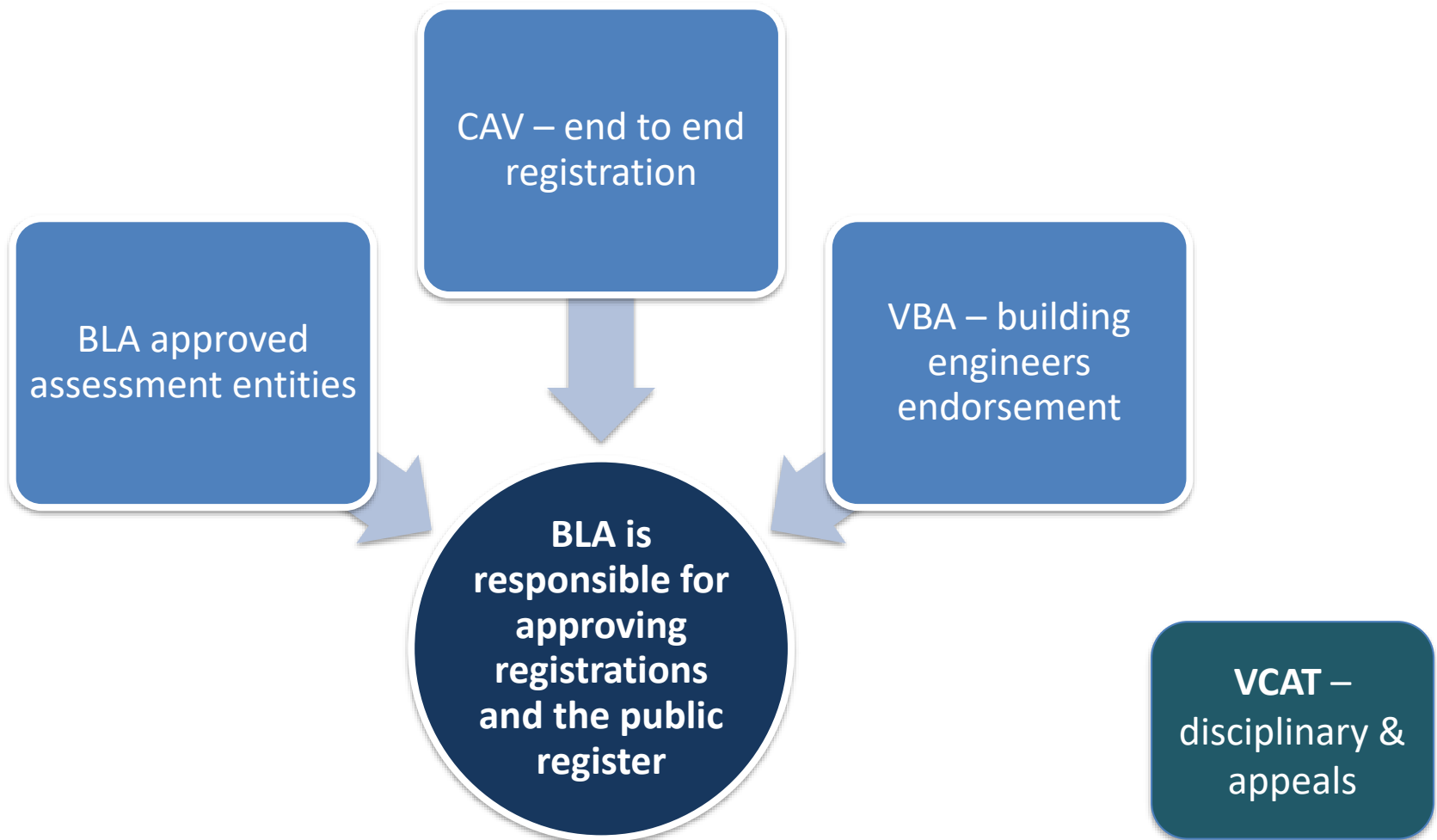
- includes assessment entities approved by the BLA.
  - assessment entities are professional bodies that will check the qualifications and experience of applicants.
- BLA is responsible for registration including probity and fit and proper person checks.
- Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) and the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) will support the BLA.

# Scheme

Sets minimum entry requirements to:

- Practise engineering
- Require continuing professional development
- Compliance with a code of conduct
- Incorporate disciplinary mechanisms

# Co-regulation



# Registration

## Two-step process

### Assessment entities

- Approved by the Business Licensing Authority (BLA)
- Entities apply to become accredited assessment bodies
- Assess an engineer's eligibility



### Business Licensing Authority

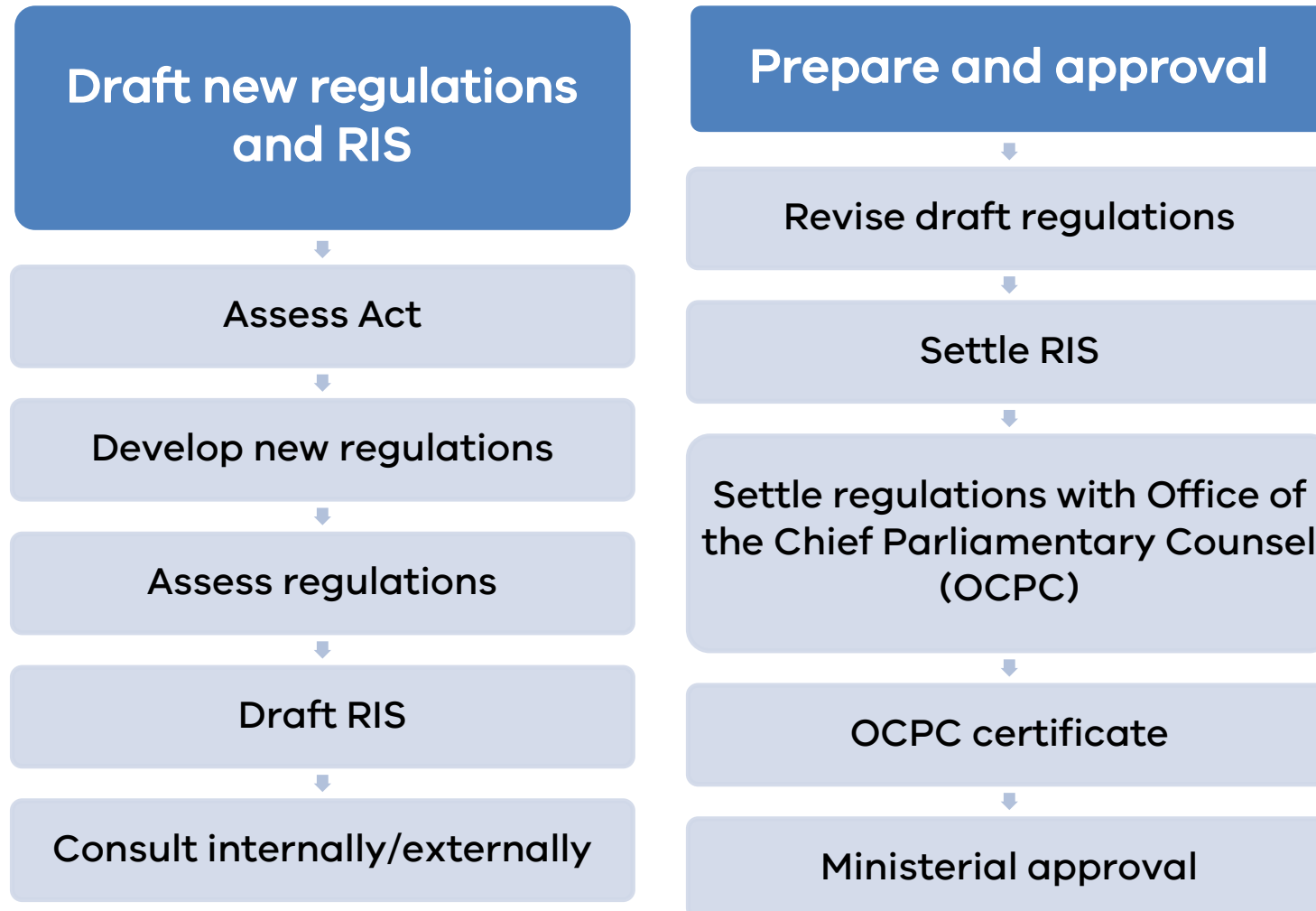
- Register engineers
- Manage the register with assistance from CAV and VBA



# Registration

- Registration applies for three years.
- Staged registering will initially register five categories of engineers:
  - civil
  - structural
  - mechanical
  - electrical
  - fire-safety
- The scheme may be extended over time to incorporate other areas of engineering.

# Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)



# Consultation

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### Overview

The *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019* (the Act) was passed in the Victorian Parliament in August 2019.

The Act introduces a co-regulatory scheme where, initially, five categories of engineers will be registered:

- civil
- structural
- mechanical
- electrical
- fire safety.

**Registration will commence from 1 July 2021.**

The scheme has been designed to be extended to other areas over time.

Public consultation on the Regulations and supporting Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) will commence in the

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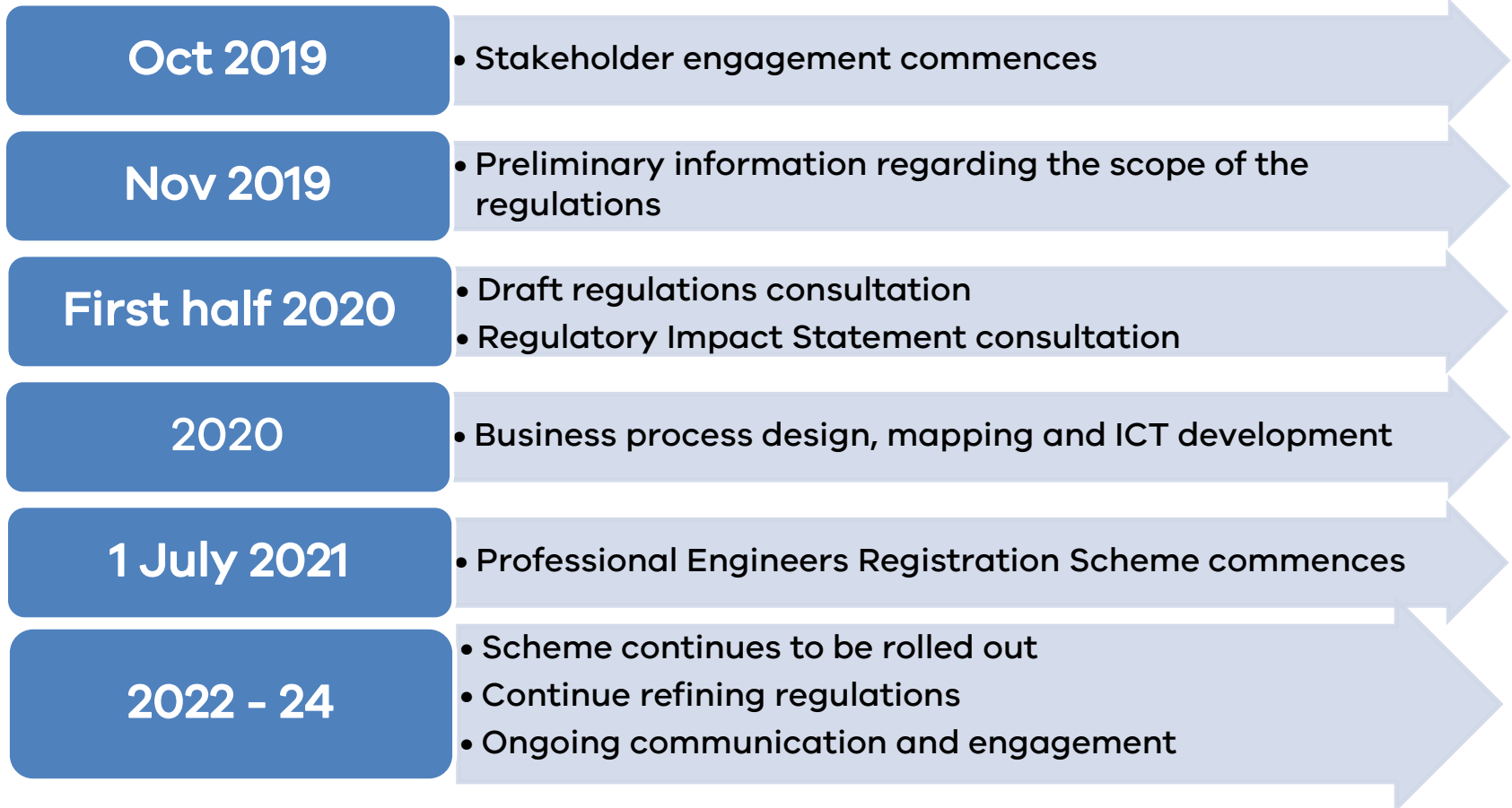
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### Timeline

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