

Professional Organizations

Prof. societies

Legal status chartered by law to regulate, licence practitioners

Licensing authority Yes

Certifies min. qualifications Yes - determines, certifies

Licensing required to practice Yes

Revoking membership Vocation may not be practiced

Main activity, Regulate prof, prof. practice

N.A. examples

CCPA, PEO, state SPE in US, not specialized by discipline
NSPE

Prof. interest groups

not (general laws regarding organizations)

No

No (degree required for full membership)

Not ..

No effect on vocation

Promote technically prof., Standards, conferences, continuing education of professionals,
Promote Prof. (lobbying), offer services to members (job hunting, insurance)
IEEE, ACM, AICHE, SAE, ASCE, specialized by discipline, International

Internationally:

U.K.: BCS, IEE, IME, E.C.

Germany: legislated by law,