



Authority to Directly Register Applicants

*Improved Public Interest
Improved Regulatory Effectiveness and Efficiency*

To better serve the public interest APEGA must evaluate applications for registration quickly, effectively, thoroughly and fairly. It is in the public interest that individuals who are qualified should be licensed as quickly as possible so they can enter the workforce and work to their full potential and contribute to the economy, safety and well-being of the public as soon as possible.

Background

- The Board of Examiners* approves applications of individuals who are eligible to be registered.

Why is this important

- The public and the government expect APEGA to thoroughly review the qualifications of applicants to ensure individuals are qualified before they are licensed to practice.
- At the same time public and the government expect APEGA to review applications and license qualified individuals quickly and effectively so that qualified individuals may enter the workforce and work to their full potential and contribute to the economy, safety and well-being of the public as soon as possible.

What is being proposed

- The Registration Committee* should be given the express authority to delegate to the Registrar the authority to make decisions regarding certain types of applications for registration.
- The Registrar could then be authorized by the Registration Committee to evaluate and register certain categories of applicants based on pre-determined criteria established in policy by the Registration Committee.
- If the Registrar is unsure whether an applicant should be registered, the Registrar would forward the application to the Registration Committee for evaluation and decision.

*Note: proposed name change.

Effect of change
Proposed

- It will introduce flexibility into the legislation and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Registration Committee. By authorizing the Registrar to review and register routine or straightforward applications in accordance with established criteria, the Registration Committee members can focus on applications that are more complex and warrant greater scrutiny.
- It will allow qualified individuals to become licensed more quickly; both as a result of those reviewed and registered by the Registrar, and as a result of faster turnaround times because there will be fewer files for the Registration Committee members to review.
- It will give the Registration Committee the appropriate flexibility to make adjustments to the list of the types of applicants the Registrar could register directly, as may be appropriate in the future
- It will align the legislation with other self-regulatory associations in Alberta