

## Canceling a Registration

*Improved Regulatory Effectiveness and Efficiency  
Improved Public Interest*

To improve regulatory effectiveness and efficiency the Registrar should be able to cancel the registration of an individual or Permit Holder according to criteria established by Council in policy, in cases not involving discipline matters.

### Background

- Currently under the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* (the *EGP Act*):
  - The Registrar shall not cancel the registration of a Member or Permit Holder following a request for voluntary cancellation unless the request has been approved by Council.
  - Council may direct the Registrar to cancel the registration of a Member or Permit Holder who is in default of payment of annual fees or any other fees, dues or levies payable under the Act, or a Permit Holder if it no longer has employees in compliance with this Act.
  - Council may direct the Registrar to cancel the registration of a Member or permit holder that was entered in error in the register.

### Why this is important

- These types of cancellations are administrative in nature and do not need Council's direct involvement. The authority to cancel these types of registration should rest with the Registrar, rather than with Council. Council's primary function is to provide governance and leadership and policy.
- To improve regulatory effectiveness and efficiency the Registrar should be expressly authorized to cancel an individual's or Permit Holder's registration according to criteria established by Council through policy without involving Council in each individual decision.
- Granting the Registrar the authority to cancel these types of registration according to criteria established by Council in policy will put the authority to act at the most responsive and appropriate level of the organization and allow the Registrar to act quickly and efficiently to protect the public.

Proposed  
legislative  
change

- It is recommended the Act be amended to expressly authorize the Registrar, rather than Council, to cancel the registration of individuals and permit holders as an administrative function in cases not involving discipline matters, according to criteria in the Regulations.

Effect of the  
proposed  
change

- It will improve regulatory effectiveness and efficiency by giving the Registrar the authority to cancel an individual's or Permit Holder's registration according to criteria established by Council through policy without involving Council in each individual decision.
- By allowing the Registrar to act quickly and efficiently to cancel registrations, it will better protect the public by putting the authority to act at the most responsive and appropriate level of the organization.
- It aligns the legislation with other self-regulatory associations in Alberta.