# LEGISLATIVE **review**

## SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR PROFESSIONS SPRING 2015

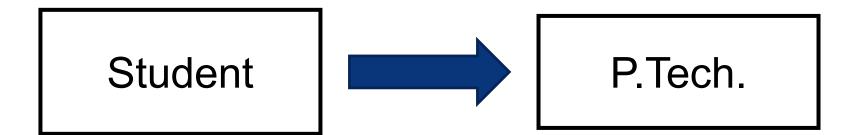


### Member Category: Student













There are two categories of student membership with APEGA:

- 1. Those enrolled in a full-time program at an Alberta university leading to an undergraduate degree in engineering or geoscience
- 2. Those who have applied to APEGA for registration as a Professional Member, do not have an undergraduate degree in engineering or geoscience, but have at least two years of related post-secondary education





This discussion paper is looking at the second student category only.

- Individuals who apply for this category of membership usually have large gaps within their syllabi.
- The Board of Examiners assigns applicants exams (up to 24 for engineering and up to 30 for geoscience) or they may take university course equivalents.
- Individuals who complete all of the prescribed exams are deemed to have met the academic requirements for registration as P.Eng.s or P.Geo.s.





### **Proposed Change**



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• Eliminate the second student category





#### Rationale



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- A new path to practice was introduced in 2009 with the introduction of the Professional Licensee and Professional Technologist designations.
- Eliminating the special student category would not negatively affect an individual's ability to earn a livelihood.





#### Rationale

- Would increase APEGA's capacity to evaluate the qualifications of individuals with degrees in engineering or geoscience, in particular the foreign qualification recognition of internationally educated engineers and geoscientists.
- These individuals could become P.Eng.s or P.Geo.s but would need to upgrade their education and obtain degrees in engineering or geoscience at recognized universities.



