



## Imposing Conditions on Deferrals of Applications for Registration

*Improved Public Interest*

To better protect the public APEGA must have the ability to minimize licensing risks and have the tools necessary to ensure that individuals are qualified and competent to practice before they are licensed.

### Background

- The role of the Board of Examiners is to evaluate the qualifications of applicants and confirm they are qualified to practice before they are approved for registration and given a license to practice.
- Currently, the Board of Examiners can defer the registration of an applicant until the applicant complies with certain conditions including passing examinations, obtaining more experience, or both.

### Why is this important

- Before being licensed to practice, an individual must meet all the eligibility criteria for licensure including academic training, experience, communication ability, good character, and knowledge of law, ethics, and professional practice.
- All five of these eligibility criteria are equally important and it is in the public interest that the Registration Committee should have the ability to impose conditions or other remedial action to ensure that an individual meets all five of these criteria before he or she is registered.

### What is being proposed

- Amendments to the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* to authorize the Registration Committee to impose additional conditions other than examinations or more experience before registering an applicant. Examples could include assigning bridging programs or requiring an applicant to take training to improve his or her English language skills.



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Effect of change  
Proposed

- It gives the Registration Committee the appropriate flexibility to impose additional conditions on an applicant to ensure he or she meets all five required criteria before he or she is licensed to practice
- It aligns the legislation with other self-regulatory associations in Alberta