

Imposing Conditions on Approved Registrations

Improved Public Interest

To better serve the public interest APEGA should have the flexibility to adapt to future changes in the practice of the professions and the needs of the workforce.

Background

- Currently the Board of Examiners can require an applicant to comply with conditions before he or she is registered, but the Board cannot approve an individual's registration and at the same time impose conditions on that approved registration.

Why this is important

- Members are more mobile and the manner in which the profession is practiced is changing with globalization and new technology. Building flexibility into our new legislation to allow APEGA to impose conditions on approved registrations will enable us to respond to these changes and better protect the public.

What is being proposed

- Amendments to the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* to authorize the Registration Committee to place conditions on an approved registration if it is in the public interest to do so. Examples in the future could include restricting an applicant's practice to a specific practice area or geographic location; prohibiting an applicant from practising in a specific practice area; issuing temporary licenses, granting specialist certifications, or other yet to be conceived ideas.

Effect of the proposed change

- It serves the public interest by improving APEGA's ability to respond to evolving professional engineering and geoscience practices while at the same time maximizing APEGA's flexibility to allow individuals to obtain registration.
- It aligns the legislation with other modern self-regulatory professional associations in Alberta.