

Approving Reinstatement and Resumption of Practice Applications

Improved Public Interest

To better protect the public APEGA must ensure that individuals are qualified and competent before they are given a license to practice. This applies equally to individuals whose registration has been cancelled and to individuals who have maintained their registration but with a non-practicing status.

Background

- Reinstatement:
 - pertains to an individual who was registered in the past but is not currently a Member, and who wishes to be registered again
 - Under the current *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* (the Act) if the registration has been cancelled for a period of less than seven years, Council may direct the Registrar to reinstate the individual subject to any conditions the Council may prescribe. In practice, these reinstatement applications are reviewed by the Practice Review Board on behalf of Council.
 - Applications for reinstatement for an individual whose registration has been cancelled (either voluntarily or involuntarily) for more than seven years must be referred to the Board of Examiners (BOE).

- Resumption:
 - Pertains to an individual who has maintained membership but with non-practising status, and who wishes to resume practice and change status from non-practising to active.
 - Currently under the *EGP General Regulation*, applications for resumption of practice are reviewed by the Practice Review Board.

Why this is important

- It is in the public interest that before being licensed to practice again, individuals should be required to meet the same standard of competency regardless of whether they have been cancelled versus non-practicing, and regardless of how long they have not been a member or been on non-practicing status.
- It is in the public interest that the standard for entry to practice should be the same as the standard for re-entry to practice.

Proposed legislative change

- It is recommended that the Registration Committee become the decision making body for both reinstatement applications and resumption applications irrespective of the length of time since the cancellation or the member moving to non-practicing status.
- It is also recommended that the Registration Committee be expressly authorized to delegate to the Registrar the authority to make decisions on reinstatement and resumption applications according to pre-determined criteria established in policy by the Registration Committee.

Effect of the proposed change

- It will better protect the public by having a single decision maker make the decision on whether an individual should be licensed to practice again. Having one decision-making body applying the same set of standards will result in consistency of decisions.
- In both cases individuals would be required to meet the same required standard of competency before being licensed to practice again, regardless of the intervening timeframe and regardless of whether the registration was canceled or the member had non-practicing status.