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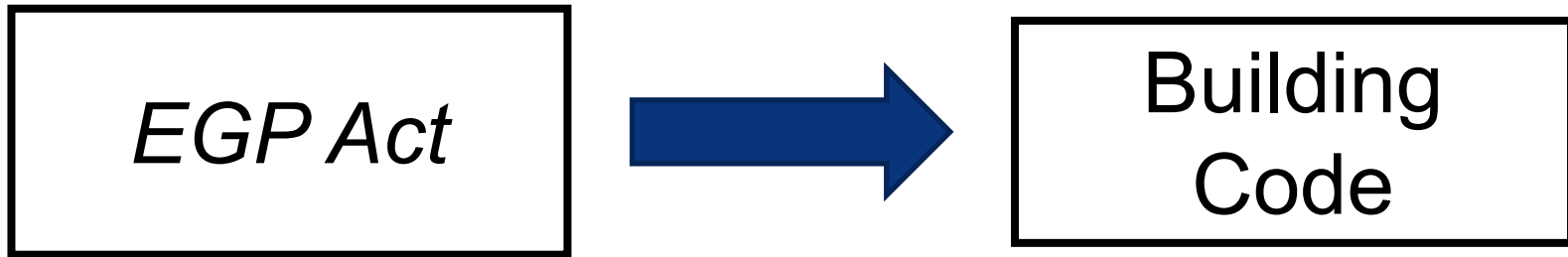
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Current legislation

The *Engineers and Geoscience Professions Act (EGP Act)* describes activities that constitute the practices of engineering and geoscience and require that, except as otherwise provided in the *EGP Act*, no individual or entity shall engage in the practice of engineering and geoscience unless licensed with APEGA.



Current Legislation

There are a number of building code-related exemptions in the *EGP Act* that allow individuals and entities to engage in the practice of engineering without being licensed with APEGA if the activity relates to buildings of a certain type, size and occupancy.



Current Situation

- The Alberta Building Code (ABC) contains exemptions that relate to buildings of certain type, size and occupancy.
- The *EGP Act* and *Architects Act* of Alberta both contain exemptions that relate to buildings of certain type, size and occupancy and both share wording from the 1982 ABC.
- The wording introduced into the *EGP Act* and the *Architects Act* is not exactly the same wording used in the 1982 ABC.

Proposed Change



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- Repeal the building code exemptions in the *EGP Act* and reference the current Alberta Building Code as the source for relevant exemptions.

Rationale

- Exemptions in multiple pieces of legislation is confusing and a potential risk to public safety.
- Public interest is better served because it would be clear that the most current version of the ABC is the sole source of relevant exemptions.
- Building structures and building science have evolved since the 1980s. It will be easier to make changes to building code exemptions in the future, which will better protect the public.

