

# Fact Sheet: Transition of Professional Technologists to APEGA

## Overview

- On October 17, 2025, APEGA and ASET signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to streamline the regulation of professional technologists [P.Tech.(Eng.)/(Geo.)] in engineering and geoscience.
- This agreement will see the transfer of regulatory responsibility of professional technologists to APEGA from ASET, rather than joint regulation.
- APEGA currently regulates professionals with a similar scope of practice under the designation professional licensee (P.L.). All professional technologists will be merged with professional licensees into a new, single designation to be determined.
- Their existing scopes and right to independent practice will be retained, and future applicants will follow APEGA's process for registration.
- If adopted by the government, the transition will take effect when APEGA and ASET are continued under the *Professional Governance Act*, anticipated in **March 2027**.

## Why This Transition Makes Sense

- The pathway to obtain a professional technologist or a professional licensee designation share many similarities, including comparable educational backgrounds, relevant professional experience, and the requirement to define and demonstrate competence within a specific scope of practice.
- Consolidating the regulatory oversight under APEGA will reduce regulatory duplication, simplify processes, and provide greater clarity for professionals and the public.
- This MOU relates specifically to the professional technologist designation only. All other ASET designations will remain under the regulatory responsibility of ASET.

## About the Professional Technologist Designation

- **As of October 2025, there are 978 professional technologists in Alberta.**
- The professional technologist [P.Tech.(Eng.)/(Geo.)] designation was introduced in Alberta in 2009 as a joint initiative between APEGA and ASET.
- It provides a pathway for certified engineering technologists to practise engineering or geoscience independently, within a defined scope, without requiring full licensure as professional engineers or geoscientists.

## About the Professional Licensee Designation

- **As of October 2025, there are 949 professional licensees in Alberta.**
- APEGA's professional licensee (P.L.) designation was created to provide a pathway for individuals who possess specialized education and experience in engineering or geoscience, but who do not meet the full academic requirements for licensure as a professional engineer or geoscientist.
- It authorizes these individuals to independently practise within a defined scope that aligns with their demonstrated competencies.