

Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta

As of May 1st, 2017, Alberta Environment and Parks will require signoff of an authenticating professional on regulatory documents submitted under the Alberta Wetland Policy. This will help provide assurance to Albertans that wetlands in the province are being managed to a high standard of professional excellence.

To authenticate a regulatory document under the Alberta Wetland Policy, in accordance with the Practice Standard, an individual must:

- 1) Carry a professional designation with one of ten Professional Regulatory Organizations (PRO-10; listed at end of this document);
- 2) Meet a set of competency requirements based on wetland science, design and engineering work, as set forth in the Practice Standard; and
- 3) Demonstrate a minimum of five years of professional experience, with at least three years of professional wetland experience. Professional experience is work conducted by a registered professional practitioner, during which the individual is subject to the act, regulations, bylaws, practice standards and code of ethics of a recognized regulatory body.

Transitional Period

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) acknowledges that competent individuals who have obtained some or all of their experience outside of a professional designation are currently active and employed in the Province of Alberta. AEP will, under specified conditions, accept this experience as a valid contribution toward the five year professional experience requirement. Guidance for practitioners to which this description applies will be provided in a Transitional Directive that will be released in conjunction with the Practice Standard.

For more information, please contact your Professional Regulatory Organization.

- Alberta Association of Landscape Architects (AALA),
- Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA),
- Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA),
- Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI),
- Alberta Society of Professional Biologists (ASBP),
- Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta (ACPA),
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA),
- Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET),
- College of Alberta Professional Foresters (CAPF), and
- College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists (CAPFT)