

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

Alberta Environment and Parks, in partnership with ten Professional Regulatory Organizations, is in the final stages of approving the *Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta*.

Purpose

The purpose of *Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta* is to provide wetland professionals a competency guideline for wetland science, design, and engineering in Alberta under the Alberta Wetland Policy. Professionals wishing to authenticate wetland documents for regulatory submission under the Alberta Wetland Policy should use this document for self-evaluation, and to assist in the selection of appropriate contributing professionals.

Field Work Completed in 2016

Field work completed in 2016 will not be subject to any new requirements for regulatory submissions to Alberta Environment and Parks.

Approval Timelines

Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta must be approved by each individual Professional Regulatory Organization as well as the Government of Alberta prior to finalization. This is expected to be completed by October 31st, 2016.

Implementation

Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta will be implemented in November 2016. Practitioners will be expected to comply with the new requirements for the 2017 field season.

Details

In order to authenticate a regulatory document submitted in accordance with the Alberta Wetland Policy, an individual must possess a professional designation from one of the following:

- 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 (ASPB),
- 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), or
- College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists (CAPFT)

Each Professional Regulatory Organization has specific requirements for attaining and maintaining a professional designation.

In addition to holding a professional designation, a practitioner must meet specific wetland competencies and professional experience requirements in order to authenticate regulatory documents.

- 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 his/her professional regulatory body
- Professional experience includes experience gained within Alberta with one of the Professional Regulatory Organizations listed herein, or experience gained as a professional in another province as required by their professional regulatory organization, in order to meet the mutual recognition obligations contained in the labour mobility provisions of the national Agreement on Internal Trade and, as applicable, the New West Partnership Trade Agreement

Practitioners who do not meet these requirements can continue to work in the field of wetland science, design and engineering so long as documents submitted to Alberta Environment and Parks under the Alberta Wetland Policy are authenticated by a qualified practitioner.

It is the responsibility of regulated professionals to ensure they meet specifications of their Professional Regulatory Organization to demonstrate competence in their practice area. Competency is generally a combination of education and practical experience.

For more information, please contact your respective Professional Regulatory Organization.