

## *Professions and Occupations*

**Professions and Occupations** works in partnership with Professional Regulatory Organizations (PRO's), affected stakeholders and other government departments to develop and implement standards to regulate non-health related professions in the public interest. Staff members also assist Albertans with information or complaints about professionals and professional associations.

Work in professional legislation includes:

- providing policy advice and direction to professional associations, government and other groups on professional legislation
- developing legislative standards which are designed to protect the well being, safety and property of Albertans
- balancing the public interest with professional association objectives when reviewing new or amended legislative proposals
- facilitating the resolution of issues between professional associations
- making recommendations to government on applications from professional associations which seek self-regulatory authority
- advising the public on the legislative responsibilities of regulatory bodies
- ensuring that the public interest is served through the appointment of public members to professional associations' councils, boards and committees.

Through professional legislation, regulatory bodies are given the authority to ensure their members meet educational and training requirements, provide safe, ethical and competent services, and follow prescribed codes of conduct.

**Professions and Occupations** is responsible for nine professional statutes regulating 24 non-health professions, such as:

- *Agrologist Act*
- *Architects Act*
- *Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act*

- *Consulting Engineers of Alberta Act*
- *Regulated Forestry Professions Act*
- *Land Surveyors Act*
- *Regulated Accounting Profession Act*
- *Veterinary Profession Act*
- *Professional and Occupational Associations Registration Act*

Professions and Occupations administers the **Land Agents Licensing Act**, which outlines the requirements to obtain a license, sets standards of conduct for Land Agents to follow, and establishes certain procedures that must be followed when negotiating for an interest in land.

Certain surface or right of way agreements are for interests in land that, in the absence of an agreement, could be taken without the owner's consent.

Professions and Occupations ensures Alberta meets its Labour Mobility responsibilities under the Agreement on Internal Trade. **Labour Mobility** is the freedom of workers to practice their occupation wherever opportunities exist in Canada. All governments signed the Agreement to make it easier for people, goods, and services to move across Canada.

People who feel that their qualifications are not being adequately recognized in another province or territory can contact the Labour Mobility Co-ordinator.

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