

# Overview of “The Blue Book”

## *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, 1997 (EGPA)*

Law and Ethics Seminar  
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# Professional Regulation

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- Refer to the “Introduction to Professionalism” presentation
- The practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience in Saskatchewan is regulated pursuant to *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*
- Section 15 and 16 of the Act enables APEGS to create Regulatory Bylaws and Administrative Bylaws (note limitations of this power)

# Three Parts:

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- The Act (page numbers found on top corners)
- Bylaws (page numbers found on bottom of the page (middle)):
  - Regulatory
  - Administrative

# Important Parts of the *EGPA*

*Ensuring public safety*



**A P E G S**

*Association of Professional Engineers  
& Geoscientists of Saskatchewan*

# Definitions (Sec. 2)

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- Look to section 2 for definitions used within the Act and Bylaws, and in particular:
  - practice of professional engineering
  - practice of professional geoscience

# Objects of APEGS (Sec. 5)

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- Ensure the proficiency and competency of the members in order to safeguard the public.
- Regulate the practice of engineering and geoscience in accordance with the Act and Bylaws.
- Promote and improve the proficiency and competency of members.
- Foster the practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience in a manner that is in the public interest.

# Council (Secs. 9 & 10)

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- Council governs the Association
- Made up of:
  - Not less than 10 elected by the members, at least 4 P.Eng. and at least 2 P.Geo. & 1 member-in-training
  - Two persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council – “Public Appointees”

# Membership, Registration and Licenses (Secs. 20, 21, 22)

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- Requirements for registration (individual)
- Seals
- Registration of Corporations, partnerships, etc. (Certificate of Authorization)



# Other Topics in the *EGPA*

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- How to make, amend bylaws (Secs. 15 -17)
- Prohibition (separate topic on Saturday) (Secs. 26 – 28(1))
- Discipline (separate topic on Saturday) (Secs. 28.1 – 45)
- Sets out penalties (Secs. 46 – 51)

# Important Parts of the Regulatory Bylaws

**(Note that all of the bylaws must fall within the authority granted in sections 15 and 16 of the Act.)**

# Categories of Membership (Secs. 3 – 6)

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- Engineer-in-training
- Geoscientist-in-training
- Professional Engineer
- Professional Geoscientist
- Engineering Licensee
- Geoscience Licensee
- Life Member (engineering)
- Life Member (geoscience)

# Qualifications for Registration (Secs. 8 – 12)

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- Member-in-Training
- Engineering and Geoscience Licensees
- Professional Engineer
- Professional Geoscientist

# Licences and Registrations (Secs. 13 – 19)

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- Annual Licence:
  - Member-in-Training
  - Professional Member
- Restricted licence
- Temporary licence
- Registrations:
  - Permission to Consult
  - Certificate of Authorization

# Professional Conduct (Sec. 20)

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(Sec. 20(2) – Page 10 in the Regulatory Bylaws)

# Discipline (Secs. 21 – 23)

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- Investigation and Discipline processes
- Make up of committees
- Review process
- Separate presentation on Saturday

# Continuing Professional Development (Sec. 23.2, App. 5)

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- Establishes defined CPD Program
- Defines consequences for non-compliance
- Appendix 5 – details of program



# Important Parts of the Administrative Bylaws

(Note that all of the bylaws must fall within the authority granted in sections 15 and 16 of the Act.)

# Elected Councillors (Secs. 9 & 10)

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- Positions on Council
- Terms of Office

# Procedures for Election (Secs. 11 – 15)

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- Classification of electoral groups
- Eligibility for nomination
- Nominations for Council Election:
  - Nominating committee chaired by the immediate past president
  - Nominated by peers
- Eligibility to vote
- Conducting the election

# Other Topics in the Administrative Bylaws

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- Officers and Employees (Secs. 16 – 19)
- Meetings (Secs. 20 – 23):
  - Council
  - Association (meeting of members – Annual Meeting)
  - Quorum and meeting procedures
- Establishment of Committees (Sec. 24)
- Sets Fees (Secs. 25 – 30)

# Questions

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