

DIRECTIVE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE

**1. Effective Date**

- 1.1 This directive takes effect on February 22, 2022.
- 1.2 For regulatory bodies established as of the date of the making of this directive, compliance with this directive is required by no later than
  - 1.2.1 February 28, 2022, for submission of communications and engagement plan under 6.2.4;
  - 1.2.2 August 5, 2022, for submission of the materials under 6.1; and
  - 1.2.3 September 1, 2022, for publication of descriptive materials as required in 6.1.4.
- 1.3 The Superintendent may vary any date in 1.2 and may do so upon request by a regulatory body or in the Superintendent's own discretion.

**2. Authorities**

- 2.1 This directive is issued under the authority of section 11 (1) (c) of the *Professional Governance Act*.

**3. Definitions**

- 3.1 "Communications and engagement plan" means the plan developed in accordance with the requirements in 6.2.
- 3.2 "Descriptive material" means material that is developed in accordance with the requirements of 6.1.
- 3.3 "PGA" means the *Professional Governance Act* RSBC 2018, c. 47 and regulations made thereunder.

**4. Application**

- 4.1 This directive applies to all regulatory bodies listed in Schedule 1 to the PGA.

**5. Objectives and Outcomes**

- 5.1 The objectives of this directive are to require regulatory bodies to
  - 5.1.1 develop and publish materials that describe their regulated practice and, where applicable, the scope of the reserved practice, and
  - 5.1.2 develop a plan for communication and engagement on the description of the scope of their respective reserved practices where it may reasonably be perceived that an alignment or intersection in those practices exists.
- 5.2 The anticipated outcomes of the directive are as follows:

- 5.2.1 regulatory bodies engage in full and frank discussions with each other with a view to resolving perceived alignment or intersection between each profession's regulated and reserved practice areas;
- 5.2.2 members of the public understand the practice areas and practice restrictions for each profession;
- 5.2.3 registrants understand the scope of the practice that is reserved to their own and to other professions under the PGA; and
- 5.2.4 potential clients understand which professional to retain in their specific circumstances.

## **6. Requirements**

### **Descriptive Material**

- 6.1 Each regulatory body must develop descriptive material that
  - 6.1.1 clearly describes their regulated practice and, where applicable, the scope of their reserved practice, and, if necessary for clarification, includes any activities that fall outside of that scope,
  - 6.1.2 addresses perceived intersection or alignment with practices that are reserved to registrants of other regulatory bodies,
  - 6.1.3 does not contradict or purport to broaden or restrict the practice that is reserved to it or another regulatory body under the PGA,
  - 6.1.4 addresses any perceived overlap with the traditional knowledge and practices of Indigenous peoples,
  - 6.1.5 is submitted to the Superintendent for review and comment, and
  - 6.1.6 once finalized, is published to the regulatory body's website in a place that is easily accessible by the public.

### **Communications and Engagement Plan**

- 6.2 Each regulatory body must submit to the Superintendent a communications and engagement plan in respect of the development of the descriptive material that
  - 6.2.1 where there is a real or perceived overlap in the practice that is reserved or is to be reserved for registrants of that regulatory body, describes its approach to collaborating with that regulatory body and, if requested by the Superintendent, with a profession not yet designated under the PGA on the description of that reserved practice in the descriptive material,
  - 6.2.2 proposes a schedule for the development of the descriptive material, which includes
    - a timeline by which collaboration with the other regulatory body will be complete,
    - the provision of periodic status updates to the Superintendent regarding the development of the descriptive materials, and
    - sufficient time for the Superintendent to review and provide comment on drafts,
  - 6.2.3 includes a proposal for the resolution of any conflict between it and another regulatory body or profession arising from the development of the descriptive material, which

proposal may include a request to the Superintendent to recommend a non-binding resolution to the dispute.

**7. References**

7.1 *Professional Governance Act*, sections 1 and 22 (2) (a), (b), and (k)

**8. Enquiries**

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