

Professional Governance Implementation Plan

- *The Professional Governance Act (PGA)* provides a governance framework and ethical principles for professionals in B.C. in order to protect the public interest.
- The Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) administers and enforces the PGA and provides oversight of the regulatory bodies covered under the PGA.
- The PGA provides authority for key functions of regulatory bodies, including: setting standards of competence and conduct; registration; education and continuing competence, and; complaints and discipline.
- There are five regulatory bodies currently included in the PGA:
 1. College of Applied Biology
 2. Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC
 3. Engineers and Geoscientists BC
 4. Association of BC Forest Professionals
 5. BC Institute of Agrolgists



Implementation Timeline

Implementation	PGA in Force	Operations
<p>PHASE 1: WINTER 2019 - SUMMER 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2018 - The PGA received royal assent. • June 2019 - The OSPG was established and the Superintendent was appointed. • June 2019 - Select parts of the PGA were brought into force to begin transition to the PGA. The Superintendent now has certain administrative powers and regulatory bodies are subject to some parts of the PGA (e.g., Nomination procedures for councils). 	<p>PHASE 2: FALL 2019 - SUMMER 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSPG works with the regulatory bodies to prepare the OSPG and each regulatory body for transition (bylaw procedures; committee and council structure and election). • Joint policy work on topics relating to the key aspects of the PGA and functions of regulatory bodies including performance standards; advocacy and transparency; code of ethics; duty to report; and, complaints and discipline. • Begin discussions on key policy issues such as the regulation of firms, practice rights and scope of practice, and declarations of competence and conflict of interest begin. • Key milestones include the release of OSPG's first annual report (May 2020) and the establishment of a Professional Governance Advisory Committee. 	<p>PHASE 3: FALL 2020 ++</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PGA will be fully implemented and the current legislation of each of regulatory body is repealed. • Initial regulations required for implementation are complete. • Regulatory bodies' mandatory bylaws are filed and work commences on transitioning other bylaws. • Implementation of regulation of firms; scope of practice and practice rights, and declarations of competence and conflict of interest will be phased in and continue beyond Fall 2020. • OSPG will transition from implementation to operations and enforcement.