

OSPG Guidance: Designating Professions – Initial Decision Criteria

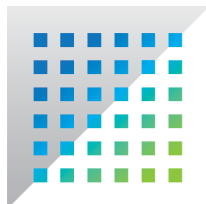
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OSPG Guidance: Criteria for initial investigation decision regarding designation under the PGA

Purpose:

This guidance document outlines the criteria that will be used by the superintendent in determining whether to consider and investigate a professional body for designation under the PGA.

Context:

The *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) includes provisions in section 85 – 90 allowing for professional associations to apply to be designated under the PGA. The superintendent may also, in the absence of an application, investigate a profession to determine whether it should be designated under the PGA. Section 85 requires the superintendent to make a decision upon receiving an application to either refuse the application without investigation or conduct an investigation. The following criteria may be used by the superintendent in determining whether to proceed with an investigation. Such criteria may also guide the investigation that is subsequently carried out and the superintendent's determination of whether it would be in the public interest to designate a profession under the PGA.

Criteria for Investigating:

A decision to proceed or not proceed with investigation could be made based on initial assessment of the profession against the criteria depicted in the diagram below, and/or based on the following strategic factors:

- Whether there is a more appropriate oversight framework for the profession elsewhere
- The degree agreement and support amongst members of the profession to come under the PGA
- Whether there are identified negative impacts of establishing the profession under the PGA that are not outweighed by the benefits
- There is government direction regarding the profession

A decision of the superintendent and rationale will be provided to the organization and if applicable, the organization would have the ability to resubmit their application for designation.



Figure 1 Designation Criteria