

Public statement from OSPG re. building enclosure

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Building enclosure professional services

The Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) in the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills is exploring how the regulations under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA) setting out practice areas for architects and engineers impact building enclosure alteration projects in BC.

This process is building on the work started by the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) and Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC), outlined in their [August 2024 joint statement](#).

The Architects Regulation is provincial law that defines the reserved practice for architects in the province. Like the Engineers and Geoscientists Regulation which defines the reserved practice for engineers, the purpose of reserved practice regulations is public and environmental protection.

The profession of engineering has been under the PGA since 2021, while the profession of architecture was brought under the PGA in February 2023. The focus in creating the Architects Regulation under the PGA was to generally carry forward the practice of architecture as it was under the now-repealed *Architects Act*, with some changes to better align with the Building Code and clarify language.

In keeping with a shared commitment to continuing to review and calibrate the reserved practice of architecture in the public interest after completing the transition of architecture to the PGA, it is timely to consider and confirm what professional expertise and skills are needed to safely and competently undertake defined building enclosure alteration projects.

The OSPG is holding discussions with AIBC, EGBC and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. The OSPG will provide recommendations to the Minister responsible for the PGA, which may include recommended changes

to regulations under the Act. This process is expected to conclude by Fall 2026.