



APEGA's Regulatory Oversight of Professional Technologists

Frequently Asked Questions

General

1. Why is this change occurring?

Under the upcoming *Professional Governance Act*, the Government of Alberta is streamlining professional regulation to reduce duplication and improve clarity across professions. As part of this modernization, APEGA and ASET will be retiring the professional technologist designation.

2. When will this change occur?

This change will occur when APEGA and ASET are continued under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027. APEGA and ASET have signed a memorandum of understanding to solidify this cooperative recommendation.

3. Will scopes of practice change?

Those with the professional technologist designation will be merged with professional licensees into a single designation. They'll retain their existing scope and right to independent practice.

4. What designation will P.Tech.s have with APEGA?

Professional technologists will be merged with APEGA's professional licensees into a new, single designation to be determined.

A professional technologist's assigned scope of practice will remain the same unless they request refinement based on their experience. If so, a review will be performed within a reasonable time by APEGA's Registration Committee.

5. Will other ASET designations also move to APEGA's sole regulatory oversight in the future?

There are no plans for other ASET designations to move to APEGA's sole regulatory oversight.

6. Is there an opt-out option?

If you would like to opt out of the transition to APEGA's sole regulation, you will have to contact ASET Registration for more information as to how this will affect your designation and practice.

7. How will the transition work?

When APEGA and ASET continue under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027, professional technologist applications in progress will transition to APEGA's Registration Committee. Renewal dates for each individual will remain the same, and dues will be paid directly to APEGA at the time of their first renewal once transferred.

8. What personal information will be transferred to APEGA and when? Will ASET applications and regulatory history be transferred?

When APEGA and ASET continue under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027, the Government of Alberta, once approved, will give APEGA a mandate to transfer registrant's personal information. Before this occurs, APEGA will reach out to professionals for consent to receive their personal information.



9. ASET participates in regulatory advocacy activities for engineering technologists. Will APEGA provide the same level of participation and support?

APEGA does not take nor advance positions on subjects outside our mandate, such as advocating for our registrants' self-interest.

10. When will P.Tech.s learn more and how will APEGA communicate with ASET registrants?

APEGA will provide updates regarding projected dates for the transfer and the process via email and in posts on APEGA's website as information becomes available. Sign up to [APEGA's ePEG newsletter](#) to keep up to date on this change.

11. Why can't professional technologists keep their designation under APEGA's sole regulation?

Under the upcoming *Professional Governance Act*, the Government of Alberta is streamlining professional regulation to reduce duplication and improve clarity across professions. As part of this modernization, APEGA and ASET will be retiring the professional technologist designation.

12. Will P.Tech.s have to change their title and designation at their workplaces? If yes, when?

Yes, if an individual is using the designation professional technologist, they will have to change it to professional licensee. This will be mandatory once APEGA and ASET are continued under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027. APEGA will email a reminder to make this change. Once transferred, they will have the right to call themselves an "engineer."

13. Will P.Tech. education and experience be reassessed?

No, education and experience will not be reassessed unless an individual applies for a change in their scope of practice, which is a separate process from the transition to APEGA's sole regulation.

14. Will P.Tech.s automatically be accepted by APEGA?

Yes, if a professional technologist is in good standing with ASET, APEGA will automatically accept and transfer their registration.

15. Will the P.Tech. scope be expanded or changed? Will exclusions be added?

Upon transferring to APEGA, professional technologists will practise within the same scope of practice, with no additional exclusions. They can also request to have their scope reviewed based on their experience.

16. How different are APEGA's continuing professional development requirements compared to ASET's?

APEGA's continuing professional development requirements differ from ASET's and include five core mandatory online courses and a Personalized Annual Competency Evaluation plan. For more information, visit [APEGA's continuing professional development](#) web page.

ASET Permit To Practice Holders

17. Do Responsible Members for ASET Permits to Practice need to apply for an APEGA Permit to Practice, or will one be automatically issued?

All permits to practice for companies currently held by professional technologists must apply for a Permit to Practice through APEGA. The fee will be waived for existing ASET permit holders. More information will be provided directly to these permit holders closer to when APEGA and ASET continue under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027.



18. If a professional technologist is self-employed and currently holds an ASET Permit to Practice, will they automatically receive an APEGA Permit to Practice?

Permits to practice held by professional technologists will have to transition to APEGA and must apply for an APEGA Permit to Practice.

19. Will a fact sheet be provided to share with employers to help address any questions or concerns about this change?

ASET will share information that professional technologists can use to communicate this change to their employers.

23. Do professional technologists need to pay their 2026 dues to ASET to be transferred?

Until registrants are notified to pay their annual dues to APEGA, they must continue to pay their annual dues to ASET.

24. When will registration dues be invoiced by APEGA?

Registrants will pay their annual dues with APEGA on the same annual cycle they are currently on with ASET. Their annual renewal date will not change.

Reinstatement/Registration/Dues

20. If a professional technologist cancels their registration before the transfer is complete, can they reinstate it with APEGA afterwards?

If a professional technologist cancels their registration with ASET prior to being transferred to APEGA, they will have to apply for reinstatement with APEGA prior to resuming their practise.

21. Will in-process professional technologist applications still be reviewed by the Joint Board of Examiners, or must individuals apply to APEGA?

All applications will automatically transfer to APEGA's Board of Examiners as long as the applicant has given permission for APEGA to access their personal information when contacted to do so.

22. Will the Joint Board of Examiners continue issuing professional technologist designations after 2027?

When APEGA and ASET are continued under the *Professional Governance Act*, expected in March 2027, the Joint Board of Examiners will disband and all professional technologists in Alberta will be transferred to APEGA. The designation "professional technologist" will no longer be available for licensure in Alberta.

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