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# Proposed Act Amendments

*The Engineering & Geoscientific  
Professions Act of Manitoba*

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*"We are part of an historic, honorable profession. It was here long before us and it will be here long after we're gone. What we do in this thin slice of history is really small but important."*

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# History

- Founded March 27, 1920
- 168 engineers registered the first day
- 95 years strong
- APEM to APEGM in 1998 when Geoscientists added
- APEGM to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba in 2015



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# Association Today

**7,196 Engineers**

**327 Geoscientists**

**1,372 Members-in-training**

**395 Retired Members**

**238 Life Members**

**7,523 TOTAL MEMBERS**



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# The Act

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

### **Previous Act Amendments**

The Act has been amended down through history:

1920 The Engineering Profession Act

1987

1998 The Engineering & Geoscientific  
Professions Act

2004 Advocate in the Public Interest Amendments

2005 Dispute Settlement Amendments

# The Act

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

### **Recent Timeline:**

October 2013 – Cabinet Shuffle

November 2013 – Letter to New Minister

February 2014 – Joint letter with MAA

June 2014 – Meeting with Minister Braun

July 2014 – Meeting with Deputy Minister Parr

August 2014 – Act Amendment Proposal

January 2015 – Legislative Review

# 2015 Amendments

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

The Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Manitoba (the Association) has sent a proposal to government requesting amendments to the *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*. There are three parts to the amendment proposal:

- A. Limited licensee category
- B. ProDev Administration
- C. Online voting for elections and by-law ratification
- D. Charitable donations
- E. Administrative clean-ups

# Limited Licensee Category

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

The Act and by-laws of the Association already have references to a category useful as a limited licensee category. The category is called:

### *Specified Scope of Practice Licensee*

See the wording in the following by-laws:

By-law 7, By-law 9, By-law 11, By-law 12, By-law 14

Detailed references:

7.4, 9.1.4, 9.2.3, 11.1.4, 12.1.3, 12.2.4, 14.4



# ProDev Administration

## *The By-Laws of the Association*

By-law 11.3 “Compliance to Practice” was approved by members October 28, 2011. The by-law replaced the previous “Declaration of Compliance” and established the continuing professional development program now called ProDev.

The Association is asking the government to put a section in the Act for administration of the continuing professional development program. Sections to be amended include:

12(1) By-laws

Part 10 A Professional Development Program  
(ProDev)

# Online Voting

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

The Act and By-laws are outdated with respect to the internet. The Association is asking the government to amend sections of the Act to fully permit the use of online tools such as electronic voting for the election of councillors, by-law ratification, online payments and administrative functions. Sections to be amended include:

Section 12(5) Enactment and Amendment of By-laws

Section 12(6) Non-Application of the Corporations Act

# Charitable Donations

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

The Act and By-laws do not empower the Association to give money to charities. The Association wishes to show a generous spirit by giving to the community on behalf of the professions. It is asking the government to amend sections of the Act to support donations to Winnipeg Harvest, Cancer Care, Heart & Stroke, Diabetes and others. Sections to be amended are:

Section 3 Purposes of the Association

Section 6 Powers of the Association

Section 12(1) By-Laws

# Administrative Clean-ups

## *The Engineering & Geoscientific Professions Act of Manitoba*

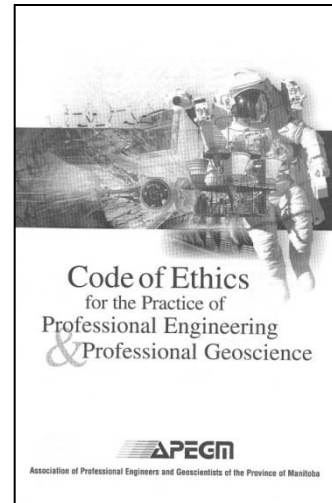
The Act requires some administrative clean-ups in sections pertaining to definitions, practice details, investigation procedures and appeal options.

Administrative amendments include:

Section 7	Constitution of Council
Section 16(1)	Practice Under Certificate of Authorization
Section 24(2)	Annual Dues Deadline
Section 25	Extended Definitions
Section 30	Investigation Committee
Section 49	Written Decisions
Section 53(1)	Appeal to Council
Section 68.1	No longer applies – remove it.

# Paper Copies Available

- The **A**ct
- **B**y-Laws
- **C**ode of Ethics



**Or view the Act and By-Laws online:**

<http://www.apegm.mb.ca/ActBylawsCode.html>

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