
BYLAW AMENDMENT SUMMARY

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ENGINEERS &
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The Engineers and Geoscientists BC bylaws that came into force on June 27, 2023, contain three substantive amendments and several minor and housekeeping amendments.

(A) Suspension and cancellation provisions for failure to pay a penalty or costs following disciplinary action

A new bylaw provision allows for the suspension of a registrant who fails to pay a penalty or costs following disciplinary action. If a registrant fails to pay within 90 days of the date of the suspension, the registrant will be cancelled.

(B) Publication of pre-hearing conference decisions

Pre-hearing conferences may be held prior to a discipline hearing to resolve matters of procedure or evidence, or adjudicate motions brought by the parties, etc. While some decisions at a pre-hearing conference address merely procedural matters such as scheduling, other decisions are substantive to the assessment of the disputed issues or clarify the application of the law.

The revised bylaws provide for the publication of a pre-hearing conference decision when the decision pertains to a substantive component of the discipline hearing. Pre-hearing conference decisions that pertain merely to procedural matters will not be published. The intent behind publishing substantive pre-hearing conference decisions is to increase transparency and provide the public with a better understanding of the discipline process.

(C) Publication of credentials hearing decisions.

The bylaw rules on the publication of credentials hearing decisions have been clarified. All credentials hearing decisions will be published but may be anonymized. The publication would only include the identity of the applicant if: (a) the applicant consents in writing; (b) the concern prompting the credentials hearing, including the identity of the applicant, is known to the public; or (c) the applicant has previously been disciplined by EGBC or another jurisdiction.

(D) Minor amendments and Housekeeping

Multiple minor amendments correct, clarify, or particularize the Bylaw requirements, or improve existing practices. Additionally, numerous housekeeping amendments are made to correct oversights and streamline bylaw provisions to reduce redundancies.