
BYLAW AMENDMENT SUMMARY

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The Engineers and Geoscientists BC Bylaws that came into force on May 15, 2026, contain five substantive amendments and several minor housekeeping amendments.

1. Board Leadership Governance Model

This amendment implements the Board Leadership Governance Model by clarifying the definition of the Immediate Past Board Chair, removing the requirement to be re-elected to serve in the position as Immediate Past Board Chair, and allowing the Board to appoint a former Board Chair to the role if necessary. Further amendments also permit the Board Chair and Vice Chair to serve consecutive one-year terms and prohibit the Immediate Past Board Chair and other Nomination Committee members from seeking election to the Board while serving on the committee.

2. Contact Info Verification and Payment of Fees Prior to Admission of New Registrants

This amendment requires an applicant for registration to verify their contact information and pay their applicable fees before being admitted as a registrant. Previously, a person received their certificate and seal prior to validating their contact information and paying their fees. These amendments alter the process timing, but do not change the registration requirements.

3. Standard for Documented Risk Assessments

Registrants have raised concerns that the previous bylaws for risk assessments are confusing and ambiguous because they are embedded across multiple provisions. This amendment consolidates existing risk assessment requirements into a clear, standalone section. This amendment does not establish any new requirements; it reorganizes and clarifies provisions that are already in force. Engineers and Geoscientists BC will be releasing a new Quality Management Guide on Risk Assessments and updates to existing Quality Management Guides reflecting this reorganization later this summer.

4. Responsible Registrant and Responsible Officer Declarations

Responsible Registrants and Responsible Officers provide declarations containing certain statements, such as being a registrant in good standing or having the corporate authority to act on behalf of the firm. This amendment clarifies that these statements must remain true for the person to be in that role or another person must be appointed.

5. Breach of a Reprimand and Remedial Action by Consent (RRAC)

Under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA), Engineers and Geoscientists BC and a registrant may enter into a voluntary Reprimand or Remedial Action by Consent (RRAC) to address discipline concerns through agreed upon remedial actions, such as completing educational courses. The bylaws did not previously specify how breaches of these agreements are addressed as permitted under the PGA. The new amendment strengthens accountability by confirming a breach can be included in a subsequent investigation or hearing into the discipline concerns set out in the RRAC.

Minor Amendments and Housekeeping

Multiple minor amendments were made to clarify or particularize the bylaw requirements, including the following:

- i. Adjusting Continuing Education and Annual Reporting deadlines from September 30 to October 1 to avoid conflict with National Truth and Reconciliation Day;
- ii. Addressing inconsistent language describing the same processes;
- iii. Correcting grammatical errors and typos; and
- iv. Editorial and formatting updates to the Schedule C: Fees to better align with the website, with no fee changes.