



Perspective on the engineering team

Associations representing engineers, technologists and technicians are a rich source of information on the evolving roles of players within the engineering team. Browse these websites to see a range of Canadian responses to that evolution:

 **PEO: Professional Engineers Ontario**
<http://www.peo.on.ca>

PEO has kept a close eye on other provincial engineering jurisdictions as they work through issues of licensure for allied professions, such as engineering technologists. PEO's Technologist Licensure Task Group was charged with examining current trends and producing recommendations. To read the group's report, click "Search" in the top navigation bar and type in "technologist licensure task group." The report makes for interesting reading. Among other things, it includes an assessment of past and current models of regulation of allied engineering professions, such as technologists. It also examines alternative legislative models such as the umbrella *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

 **APEGGA: Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta**
<http://www.apegga.com>

This site provides up-to-date information on APEGGA's "inclusivity" debate. The debate concerns those members of the engineering team who are qualified to practise within a specific area of engineering but don't meet the current requirements for unrestricted professional licensure. APEGGA council is currently recommending to its members a new category to be titled "Registered Engineer, Geologist or Geophysicist." The issue's prominence on the home page suggests its importance to the association. At top centre, click on any of the three "inclusivity" links for more information. They

include a news brief, FAQ, and a summary of terms and conditions of the proposed category.

 **APEGBC: Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of British Columbia**
<http://www.apeg.bc.ca>

If you're looking for details on British Columbia's current regulatory merger, this site is a good place to start. Last year, members of APEGBC voted in favour of integrating the regulation of professional engineers and geoscientists with engineering technologists and geoscience technologists under the same provincial act. The new act would treat the practices of engineering and geoscience technology as restricted subsets of professional practice. In the opening screen, under "APEGBC Overview" click "*Engineers and Geoscientists Act*." You will see links to both the current act and the latest revision. Scrolling toward the bottom of the opening screen, choose "Progressive Change and Positive Impacts" for an interesting update from APEGBC President Bill Gilmartin on the current state of the merger. (Also see page 42 for a report on the merger efforts.)

 **CCTT: Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists**
<http://www.cctt.ca/>

Visit this site for an in-depth look at the state of technologists and technicians in Canada. In 2002, CCTT sponsored a National Survey of Professional Technicians and Technologists. The results of the survey are available here. Click "What's New" and choose "2002 National Survey...." This survey parallels the 2002 National Survey of the Canadian Engineering Profession, so the report provides some comparisons across the professions. Besides demographic, income, occupation and education data, there is also data on the composition of working

teams. You can also examine the distribution of the technology content of teams.

 **OACETT: Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists**
<http://www.oacett.org/>

OACETT is the certifying body for engineering technologists and technicians in Ontario. On this site you'll pick up general information on the certification of technologists and technicians. There is also a history of certification of these fields in Ontario. This is interesting, as it outlines OACETT's evolution and increasing independence from PEO. Click "About OACETT" for background information. From here, there is a link to a .pdf version of the *OACETT Act* of 1998. To view the history, look on the left menu bar for the "Our history" link.

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