

OAAAS Board of Directors

The affairs of OAAAS are managed by a Board of Directors that has an equal number of Directors nominated by the Founders, the **Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT)**, and the **Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)**. Currently the Board consists of four OACETT members and four OAA members. According to By-law No. 1, the total number of Board members may not be less than six or greater than twelve. The Founders appoint directors yearly. The changing of the guard will take place at the OAAAS Annual General Meeting in June.

The 2004 – 2005 OAAAS Board of Directors are:

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Licensed Technologist OAA Examination

The inaugural examination for the Licensed Technologist OAA will be offered in the fall of 2005. Initially, the OAAAS Examination Committee intended to have the examination available for June 2005; however, candidates considering the examination preferred a fall offering. As well, this will give the OAAAS Examination Committee the much-needed additional time to prepare, test, and finalize the considerable pool of questions that have been developed.

Since 2003, approximately 80 architects and members of OACETT have participated in the writing, pilot testing, review and retesting of exam questions. The completion of this examination, along with other defined requirements, will result in an individual being eligible for licensure by the Ontario Association of Architects as a Licensed Technologist OAA.

Members Response to the February Newsletter

Thank you to the OAAAS members who sent comments back to us after the first OAAAS Newsletter was sent to them. Good constructive feedback is important in order that we can all share in the exchange of information. Comments included:

- In regards to increasing OAAAS membership, a member writes, *“it will be prudent for the first 50 or so to turn this into 150. I will be telling two friends and so on.... It would be great to do a feature on a member each issue, and what they are up to, I am certain the OAAAS membership activity will be as varied as the industry is becoming”*.

(Note: a great idea to recruit members. Profiling OAAAS members was suggested by more than one member. A member has been approached to forward his profile for the next OAAAS Newsletter. Please consider forwarding your profile, just a couple of paragraphs about where you are at in your career, where you have been, and where you are striving to be in the near future.)

- *“With great delight I've just read the first OAAAS newsletter, congratulations on its launch!*

Is it possible for you to send me more detailed information on your statement below - extracted from the newsletter”:

’ as a Licensed Technologist OAA, they will be entitled to perform more advanced work within the building/design field, including designing larger buildings and hiring architects.’

(Note: this is a question asked by others as well; please see *attachment A* for detailed information on the scope of practice for a *Licensed Technologist OAA*).

- *“I would recommend a PDF file format as preferable over a DOC file. Not only would all members be able to open the file without some of us having to convert it first, the OAAAS would have some notion of the look and feel of the newsletter once printed. It is not a safe assumption to think that everyone who belongs to OACETT/OAAAS will have MS Word.”*

(Note: excellent suggestion, thank you. Future OAAAS Newsletters will be PDF file format.)

“Also, I am confused with regards to one sentence: ‘OACETT members are eligible to progress through the OAAAS designations and ultimately qualify as a Technologist Licensed by OAA, which means they will be entitled to perform more advanced work within the building / design field, including designing larger buildings and hiring architects.’ These last three words should really be struck. As far as I know, there is no law preventing me from hiring an architect now. The comment is at best misleading, and at worst... well, a “fib.”

(Note: the Ontario Association of Architects was asked to comment.
OAA’s response follows:

One needs to distinguish between 'hiring an architect' and engaging the services of an architectural practice (i.e. a holder of a certificate of practice).

An architect, as an individual could always be hired (as an employee) by anyone, but there may be restrictions on what that architect may do for his/her employer in regard to architectural services.

Regulation 27 under the *Architects Act* restricted the provision of architectural services by an architectural practice to:

- The owner
- Another certificate of practice
- A holder of a certificate of authorization
- A design builder
- Someone who makes an offer in writing to an owner to build a building

This was the law when the OAAAS bylaws were originally written (April 2003). At that time OAA included the third level technologist as an additional acceptable client.

This section of the regulation was very recently repealed (mid February 2005) and now architectural practices can provide architectural services to anybody.

Centennial College

Professor Ted Rosen is spearheading an ad hoc advisory committee to re-activate the Architectural Technician/Technology Program at Centennial College in Toronto.

OAAAS is very supportive of this initiative that will offer architectural opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in this rapidly expanding area of the economy in Ontario. With this educational background, graduates can become certified technicians and technologists, and enter the marketplace with the knowledge that they will be serving their families, and their communities in promoting a highly respectable and rewarding career.

Once into their working careers, these graduates will very likely consider joining the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences in order to pursue the Licensed Technologist OAA designation, which will then entitle them to perform more advanced work within the building / design field. This is their opportunity to manage their careers for success and as a new option for consumers, increase their share of the architectural services market. Also, by being a member of OAAAS, it offers them the joint career support of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT), the Founders of OAAAS.

Membership Recruitment

In the last issue of the OAAAS Newsletter I asked for your help in promoting OAAAS by informing your colleagues and friends who may be interested in becoming a building design professional. That certainly happened; we have had an increasing number of enquiries from technologists, technicians, college and university students, professors, and members of other associations, about career opportunities with OAAAS. Joining OAAAS is a wise move for building designers; it offers recognition in the architectural field that one cannot obtain elsewhere. There are technologists and technicians with Ontario Architecture firms that are not aware of OAAAS; please encourage them to contact Sherrie Machan, Admissions Co-ordinator, for an OAAAS information package, 416-621-9621 ext.234, fax 416-621-8694, smachan@oacett.org.

OAAAS Merchandise

There are attractive OAAAS sweatshirts, pens, and pins available for sale. Order your OAAAS merchandise today, as quantities are limited. Photos of the sweatshirt and pen can be seen in the members' section of the OACETT website, www.oacett.org (click on Benefits).

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Attachment A

POLICY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS (OAA)
WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCE
AND CERTIFICATES OF PRACTICE
BY HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION
AS LICENSED TECHNOLOGIST ISSUED BY
THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR
APPLIED ARCHITECTURAL SCIENCES (OAAAS)

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 13(1) of the Architects Act sets out the requirements for the issuance of a licence.

Every applicant must comply with the academic and experience requirements specified in the regulations and have passed such examinations and completed such courses of study as the Council may set or approve unless the Council has exempted the applicant from these requirements.

The academic and experience requirements for the issuance of a licence are stipulated in Section 31 of the regulations.

Where an applicant for a licence is the holder of a certificate of qualification as Licensed Technologist issued by OAAAS, the applicant shall be exempted from the academic and experience requirements set out in the regulations subject to the terms, conditions and limitations hereinafter set out, which shall be incorporated and form part of the licence issued by the Registrar.

Every holder of a certificate of qualification as Licensed Technologist issued by OAAAS is on the issuance of a licence by the Registrar, a member of the Association, subject however to the terms, conditions and limitations as incorporated and part of the licence.

TERMS, CONDITIONS and LIMITATIONS OF LICENCE

1. The Licensed Technologist may prepare and provide a design for, or perform general review of or evaluate, advise or report on the construction, enlargement or alteration of a building that:
 - (1) as constructed enlarged or altered, is not more than three storeys in height and not more than 600 square metres in gross area and is used or intended for one or more of the following occupancies:

- i Residential;
 - ii Business;
 - iii Personal services;
 - iv Mercantile;
 - v Industrial;
 - vi a restaurant designed to accommodate not more than 100 persons consuming food or drink;
- (2) is used or intended for residential occupancy, and contains one dwelling unit or two attached dwelling units, and, as constructed, enlarged or altered, is not more than four storeys in height;
- (3) is used or intended for residential occupancy, that contains three or more attached dwelling units and, as constructed, enlarged or altered, is not more than four storeys in height and not more than 600 square metres in building area.
2. The Licensed Technologist shall use the designation “Licensed Technologist OAA” in every aspect of the practice of architecture but may not use the title “architect” as an occupational designation or use an addition to or abbreviation of the title “architect”, an occupational designation or a term, title, addition or description that will lead to the belief that the Licensed Technologist may provide architectural services other than as set out in paragraph 1 hereof.
3. A Licensed Technologist shall not provide architectural services other than as permitted by paragraph 1 of this policy. A Licensed Technologist may act as the prime consultant for the construction, enlargement or alteration of any building but where the Licensed Technologist has been engaged or employed or has agreed to provide architectural services to a member of the public other than as permitted by paragraph 1 of this policy, the Licensed Technologist must engage or employ a holder of a certificate of practice who is not subject to the terms, conditions and limitations that the holder of the certificate of practice may only provide architectural services as set out in paragraph 1 of this policy. Nothing herein prevents the Licensed Technologist from then assisting in the provision of the architectural services provided that such assistance is under the personal supervision and direction of that holder and that this is clearly communicated to the client.
4. The Licensed Technologist is not qualified to vote at an election of members of the Council, and is not eligible for election to the Council and may not vote at the annual or other general meetings of the members of the Association. The Licensed Technologist is not permitted to sit on OAA Statutory Committees nor act as a Mentor under the Intern Architect Program.
5. The Licensed Technologist may provide architectural services to the public only:
- 1) as a sole proprietor;

- 2) in partnership with one or more Licensed Technologists who are holders of licences issued in accordance with this policy; or through a corporation; provided that the Licensed Technologist, partnership or corporation holds a certificate of practice which is subject to the terms, conditions and limitations that the holder of the certificate of practice may only provide architectural services as set out in paragraph 1 of this policy and that the holder provides services that are within the practice of architecture under the personal supervision and direction of a Licensed Technologist to whom a licence has been issued.
6. The Licensed Technologist shall not legally or beneficially own, directly or indirectly, exercise control or direction or legally or beneficially own directly or indirectly shares, or any class of shares of a corporation as hereinafter outlined and, together with another shareholder or other shareholders associated with the person exercise control or direction over, more than 49 percent of the total number of issued and outstanding shares of any class of shares of a corporation to whom a certificate of practice has been issued under Section 14 of the Architects Act or a corporate partner of a partnership of corporations to whom a certificate of practice has been issued under Section 16 of the Architects Act which is not limited to the provision of architectural services as set out in paragraph 1 of this policy. Section 21(2) of the Architects Act applies to this paragraph with the necessary modifications.
7. The Licensed Technologist shall not supervise and direct the practice of architecture of a holder of a certificate of practice issued under Section 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 of the Architects Act that provides architectural services to the public other than architectural services as set out in paragraph 1 of this policy.

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

1. Where a Licensed Technologist applies to the Registrar for the issuance of a certificate of practice, the certificate of practice shall be subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations as the license, but no certificate of practice shall be issued to the Licensed Technologist unless he or she has agreed to waive the right to a hearing by the Registration Committee under Section 25 of the Architects Act.

January 3, 2005