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OAA Special News Bulletin

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Update on Legislation Regarding Limited Licences

The OAA is issuing this email to all former Licensed Technologist OAA members and Intern and Student Technologists as an update on the activities that have taken place since our formal bulletin last month. (As always, you can read updates and review all emails on this matter from the Association on the [OAA Website](#).)

As you know, Bill 157, *Enhancing Access to Justice Act, 2023* received third reading in the legislature on **March 5** and almost immediately received Royal Assent the following day. This Bill's Schedule 1 amended the [Architects Act](#) to establish a limited licence to engage in the practice of architecture.

The conditions of a limited licence will be set out within [Regulation 27](#) made under the Act. Consequential amendments are made throughout the Act, and to two other Acts, to reflect the addition of limited licences. These include the addition of an offence respecting the use of the title "Licensed Technologist" by a person who is not the holder of a limited licence or certificate of practice. A number of housekeeping amendments are also made to the Act.

With the passage of this Bill (in particular, Schedule 1) into law, the regulatory foundation for the OAA to issue limited licences and reinstate the OAA Technology Program is now in place. This was a critical step forward in the efforts toward getting licences back to those who formerly held status with the OAA as a Lic.Tech.OAA. A number of you have reached out regarding to next steps and timing. The amendments to the Act are an important milestone achieved—however, as communicated previously, there is still some work to do.

You may have noted the Commencement Section within Schedule 1 of Bill 157. This section articulates the amendments come into force when the Bill received Royal

Assent, however, the sections specifically related to limited licences will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor. This date is held in abeyance until the regulations noted above have been made.

The work related to the necessary amendments to Regulation 27 remains consistent with the original policy intent of the OAA Technology Program. It is well under way and currently sitting with government. This remains a high priority for the OAA as we move through the steps in this important process.

In tandem with our efforts to achieve the amendments to the Regulation, the OAA staff team is working on the plan in anticipation of the relaunch of the OAA Technology Program. The plan will reflect a transition period, with priority placed on the steps to receive and approve applications from those that formerly held status as a Licensed Technologist OAA, as well as certificates of practice.

We will continue to reach out to you via these emails and the OAA Website as information becomes available. It is our hope we will be in a position to share this transition plan, and concrete timing, in the near future.

Please continue to address any questions to OAA_TechProg@oaa.on.ca.

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