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## An Update on the OAA Technology Program

## Addressing the Legal Application Brought on by AATO

Last month, the Ontario Association of Architects informed its members and all those with OAA status about the Court application commenced by the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO). This email is an update on the legal application and its effect on the OAA Technology Program.

The AATO has asked the Court to:

- declare the OAA does not have the authority to issue a Licensed Technologist OAA License or Certificate of Practice pursuant to policy;
- · declare any such Licenses or Certificates of Practice are void; and
- prevent the OAA from issuing any further Licensed Technologist OAA License or Certificate of Practice pursuant to policy.

The OAA is actively working with its legal counsel to address and resolve this matter.

As a direct result of the AATO initiating this application for a Court injunction, OAA Council has made the decision to postpone the scheduled Licensed Technologist OAA exam, pending the outcome of the litigation. All those who had enrolled to sit the examination have been informed.

The OAA will also pause on issuing any new Lic.Tech.OAA Licenses or Certificates of Practice. In keeping with the governing principles of OAA Council, discussions related to the OAA Technology Program are also on hold while this legal action is addressed.

The OAA remains fully and completely committed to protecting the public interest and ensuring its members are treated fairly.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact OAA Executive Director **Kristi Doyle** at kristid@oaa.on.ca.

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