



Ontario Association  
of Architects

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## Update on Court Order Regarding Licensed Technologists OAA

The OAA is continuing to reach out to stay connected with those directly affected by the [recent Court Order](#) and provide updates on the actions being taken by the Association. This issue continues to be a priority for the OAA, and our governing Council and staff have been working in a focused, deliberate manner to address its various effects and outcomes.

Discussions with the provincial government remain active. The goal is to secure a way forward through the necessary legislative amendments and to recognize para-professionals in the architectural profession through a Limited Licence. The OAA is working with senior staff of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) and legislative counsel, as well as directly with the Minister's office. A date for a meeting with Attorney General Doug Downey is still pending.

The unfortunate reality is legislative amendments take time. We continue to be hopeful the Association will be in a position to issue Limited Licenses to all former Licensed Technologists OAA soon, as well as to resume the technology program to recognize new licensees moving forward.

In a June 7 communication, [a copy of a letter](#) to staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) was shared. The purpose was to advance a request to have former Lic.Tech.OAA licensees issued a BCIN under the Building Code by virtue of their existing skills and training. There was a specific urgency identified to assist those who had held a Certificate of Practice and were offering services to the public. OAA staff are regularly following up to press for an answer to this request. It has been conveyed the Ministry is considering the matter, which is still pending.

Many of you will have received a refund for your 2023 membership renewals, which had been paid earlier in the year. The refunds were issued to the individual or entity that had originally paid the required amount, and were sent to the address of record the OAA has on file. **If you do not receive the refund by the end of July, please contact [OAAfees@oaa.on.ca](mailto:OAAfees@oaa.on.ca).**

If you had been part of a Local Architectural Society, you are encouraged to stay connected with them as a member. The OAA has reminded all Society Chairs that affiliate membership is always an option for those who do not currently hold status with the Association.

Further to our communication with representatives of the Ontario Colleges offering Architectural Technologist programs, we understand that there is a collective effort on the part of the Colleges to advance a letter to government expressing support to move ahead quickly with legislative amendments necessary to allow the OAA to issue limited licenses in the architectural discipline. The support of the Colleges is much appreciated.

The OAA is also updating [its website](#) with the latest information available. The official Court Order document is posted there as well for your reference.

Once again, this email serves to keep the lines of communication open between the OAA and those affected by the Court Order. If you have specific questions, do not hesitate to reach out at [OAAtechProg@oaa.on.ca](mailto:OAAtechProg@oaa.on.ca).

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