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## **Joint Statement on the Architects Regulation: Clarity on Repair, Renewal, and Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings**

The Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) and Engineers and Geoscientists BC are issuing this joint statement to provide clarity on the [Architects Regulation](#) and the role of engineering professionals and architects in the repair, renewal, and rehabilitation of existing buildings.

### **Background**

The *Architects Regulation*, which was introduced on February 10, 2023, in line with AIBC being brought under the [Professional Governance Act](#) (PGA), defines the practice of the profession of architecture and the profession's "reserved practice".

When the *Architects Regulation* came into force, and with AIBC's repeal of *Bulletin 34: Building Envelope Services – Appropriate Professional Practice*, feedback from registrants of AIBC and Engineers and Geoscientists BC, local governments, others in the building sector, and the general public indicated more clarity was needed regarding the practice of Architects and Building Envelope Engineers in the context of repair, renewal and rehabilitation of existing buildings.

In response to Directive 2022-01 of the Superintendent of Professional Governance, AIBC developed a Descriptive Materials document titled *Architects Regulation: Reserved Practice of Architecture* (July 2024) to assist in application of the *Architects Regulation*. These Descriptive Materials respond to some of the questions that have been raised.

### **Work Planned for Future**

AIBC and Engineers and Geoscientists BC also acknowledge that a joint review of building enclosure services will follow that will result in:

- Replacement guidelines for Architects of AIBC building enclosure related Bulletins;
- Amendment of Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Professional Practice Guidelines - Building Enclosure Engineering Services; and
- Greater clarity to the professions' practice in this area.

The *Architects Regulation* remains in force and registrants of both regulatory bodies should adhere to it by practising within their respective Regulated practices; AIBC and Engineers and

Geoscientists BC will continue to engage in discussions that explore refinements related to scope of work for building enclosure engineers, in the public interest, and are open to recommending refinements to the regulation based on experience implementing the *Architects Regulation*.

Engineers and Geoscientists BC and AIBC value our long-standing and collaborative relationship. We are committed to working together within the legislative framework for the professions, including the *Architects Regulation*, the [Engineers and Geoscientists Regulation](#) and the provisions of the *PGA* to ensure engineering and architecture services continue to be delivered effectively and to high standards.

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