



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Professional Governance Act officially activated; *College of Applied Biology Act* repealed

VICTORIA -- Today the *College of Applied Biology Act* was repealed and the [Professional Governance Act \(PGA\)](#) and corresponding [Applied Biologist Regulation](#) came into effect in British Columbia. The new Act is intended to provide a consistent framework for five self-regulating professions under the Act that incorporates best practices in governance.

Over the past three years, the College has been working with the provincial government through the Professional Reliance Review, development of the *Professional Governance Act* and putting in place the regulations, bylaws, policies and standards to improve professional regulation to better protect the public interest of all British Columbians.

With the *College of Applied Biology Act* officially repealed, the College and its over 2500 practicing registrants are regulated under the new legislation. To comply with the new Act the College Rules have been replaced by the new [College bylaws](#) and the Code of Ethics has been revised and is now the [Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#).

The College continues to inform registrants on the changes through all its communications platforms including website, newsletters and social media, and will be hosting a series of information webinars throughout the year beginning with an information session on February 24, 2021 (registration will be open Tuesday, February 9).

The College of Applied Biology will continue work with the provincial government through the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance on reserved practice – or practice rights – for applied biology professionals.

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