



Update on the Professional Reliance Review

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The [Final report](#) was released by the BC government on June 28, 2018. The College has posted updates specific to the Professional Reliance Review and supporting information on the [College website](#).

As articulated in previous communiques, the College has been actively engaged with the province and the other regulators throughout the summer and early fall on the Professional Reliance Review. The key question remains: “*What would best serve the public interest?*”

From the College's first submission to government in December 2017, the College has maintained that there is always room for continuing improvement - but we have also maintained that to do this the province needs to adhere to a number of principles such as:

- Maintaining self regulation,
- Maintaining the office's independence,
- Limiting its mandate to governance (not practice issues), and
- Supporting a productive relationship with government ministries.

The government has been clear that legislation will be introduced this fall - and while there still are some issues we are working through- we have been encouraged by the government's commitment to engage and listen to concerns raised by the regulatory associations.

Since the College continues to be bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Ministry, it is not possible to speak to specifics until the legislation is tabled. And while we will not know definitively where this is going until the legislation is introduced, at this juncture we are cautiously optimistic that we can continue to work constructively with government.

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