



# Professional Governance Act

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## Update #1



# What is the PGA?

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Bill 49, the Professional Governance Act, sets out new legislation that will create consistent governance standards over select STEM professions and consolidate that work in the new Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance in the Ministry of Attorney General.

**Currently, the following professions are self-regulated and will be impacted by this legislation:** engineering and geoscience, forestry, agrology, applied biology, and applied science technology

Why? The intention of the provincial government is to create greater oversight over resource management to ensure that work is done in the best interest of the public.

# What are we going to do about it?

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How does the PGA impact students? In two parts, these are big changes made to how the professions that UBC students will be entering operate. We need to ensure that thorough consultation is done with those who will be impacted by this legislation. It is also an opportunity for the government to strengthen oversight over natural resource use and protect public interest.

Timeline: Legislation have already been tabled. It is expected to take the next three to five years for the Professional Governance Act to be fully implemented. Regulations are currently being developed to support the implementation of the Professional Governance Act.

Next steps:

- Host roundtable with interested constituencies
- Collect feedback and bring back information to Advocacy Committee
- Decide on next steps for advocacy