
Council Policy

Policy Name	Use of the Designation 'OAA'
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Official Mark

In accordance with publication by the Registrar of Trademarks on June 23, 2004, 'OAA' is recognized as an official mark of the Ontario Association of Architects.

As a term formally protected by the Association, the Council of the OAA may determine who may utilize 'OAA' and under what circumstances.

By virtue of having 'OAA' protected as an official mark of the Ontario Association of Architects, no other group, individual or organization may use 'OAA' without the express written permission of the Council of the OAA. Exception will be given to those utilizing the term prior to it being recognized as an official mark of the OAA.

The OAA may consent to the use of the term 'OAA' as it sees appropriate.

Permitted Use

Under this policy, the following individuals may utilize the designation 'OAA'. **Use of the designation OAA may only be used when accompanied by the OAA member's title¹.** Inclusion of the member's title in conjunction with "OAA" provides clarity to the public. Use of the designation OAA by the individuals listed below is predicated on there being no terms, conditions or limitations which prohibits their use of the designation "OAA". This policy does not preclude the inclusion of other credentials such as academic and professional designations.

Architects - individuals who are granted a licence to practise architecture by the OAA.

Example:

Jordan Doe, Architect, OAA

Licensed Technologist - individuals who are granted a limited licence to practise architecture by the OAA.

Example:

Jordan Doe, Licensed Technologist, OAA

¹ Only those titles as defined by the *Architects Act* or Regulation 27.

Honorary Members - are persons who have rendered to the architectural profession signal or valuable service or who have scrupulously upheld the objects of the Association and who are elected as honorary members at an annual or general meeting of the members of the Association.

Example:

Jordan Doe, Honorary Member, OAA

Architects (subject to terms, conditions and limitations) - individuals who are granted a licence to practise architecture subject to terms, conditions and limitations by the OAA.

Example:

Jordan Doe, Architect (subject to terms, conditions and limitations), OAA

Prohibited Use

The following prescribed classes of persons as defined in Regulation 27 under the *Architects Act* are not permitted to utilize the designation 'OAA':

1. Intern Architect
2. Retired Member
3. Life Member
4. Student Associates
5. Intern Technologists
6. Student Technologists

The OAA will take appropriate steps to address misuse of the designation.

