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June 2024 Update for Former Licensed Technologists OAA and Participants in the OAA Technology Program

The OAA is reaching out with further information about limited licences, following up on the last update issued on April 16, 2024. (As always, you can read all previous emails from the Association regarding these matters on the **OAA Website**, which also includes more background and FAQs.)

Since the passage of amendments to the *Architects Act* regarding limited licenses (**<u>Bill 157</u>**, *<u>Enhancing Access to Justice Act</u>, <u>2023</u>, <u>Schedule A</u>), the OAA has been working in cooperation with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) to address the related and necessary amendments to Regulation 27. The draft regulation currently sits with government and is consistent with the original policy intent of the OAA Technology Program.*

The OAA has been advised that MAG is undertaking a consultation process in relation to the draft Regulation. Last week, MPP Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, sent letters to the Association of Architectural Technologists Ontario (AATO) and the Committee of Architectural Technology Professionals (CATP), inviting them to provide feedback on the draft regulation.

CATP is a group of individuals who formerly held status under the OAA Technology Program as Licensed Technologists OAA. It had made both oral and written submissions during the government deliberations regarding Bill 157 earlier this year. The OAA understands AATO and CATP have been requested to enter into nondisclosure agreements and will have approximately two weeks to submit written comments. Once this process has been completed, a response from MAG is anticipated.

Thank you to those you have reached out recently, and for the support to move this ahead so the OAA Technology Program can be reinstated as quickly as possible. The OAA continues to place high priority on this file.

If you have further questions, please contact **OAATechProg@oaa.on.ca**.

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