



A Message from the OAA and OAAAS Presidents

OAA Technology Program to be Integrated into the Association

Dear Colleagues,

For 18 years, suitably qualified technologists have been licensed by the Ontario Association of Architects as [Licensed Technologists OAA](#), with rights and obligations analogous to other OAA members. During this time, the non-profit [Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences \(OAAAS\)](#) has operated and administered the certification program—comprising education, work experience, and examinations (EEE)—that technologists must complete to achieve OAA licensure.

Earlier this year, the OAAAS Board of Directors and OAA Council agreed it is now appropriate to dissolve OAAAS and to fully integrate the administration and operation of the program into the OAA. Together, we have launched a transition process to accomplish this objective over the coming months.

This decision was made to:

- provide a sharper focus for ongoing technologist recruitment efforts;
- strengthen the relationship between Licensed Technologists OAA and other members;
- confirm the OAA Technology Program is an integral part of the Association; and
- maximize efficiencies in the operation of the program.

Existing OAA members, both Architects and Licensed Technologists OAA, will notice little change, other than the disappearance of the OAAAS logo. Through this integration, we hope all members will better understand the importance of the OAA Technology Program to the future of the architectural profession, as well as to the Association.

There will be some changes for those going through the certification program over the next six to eight months. New technologist members will apply directly to the OAA and

their membership fees and other payments will be made to the OAA. Further, their work experience hours will eventually be filed with the OAA's Office of the Registrar. As other adjustments are made, members will be kept informed. The EEE program requirements will not change with integration.


Last year, then-president Kathleen Kurtin [appealed to all architects and architectural practices](#) to work to fulfil the promise of the OAA Technology Program. The step we are announcing today will move us closer to achieving that promise.

Please support the program and encourage your technologist colleagues to join us.

Sincerely,



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