

Qualifications Board Update

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Goal of the presentation

- Provide a status update on the work completed by the Qualifications Board
- Discuss strategic issues to inform the development of its work plan
- Provide an overview of next steps

Qualifications Board's mandate

- The Qualifications Board (QB) supports regulatory excellence as well as the sustainability and confidence in the profession by:
 - Developing new national guidelines on existing and qualifications issues and examination syllabi;
 - Maintaining 22 national guidelines/model guides;
 - Maintaining 24 examination syllabi;
 - Organizing cross-country teleconference calls for regulators; and
 - Conducting research, monitoring and providing advice on key issues and trends.

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Status update

- Since the last Board meeting, QB has:
 - Held a face-to-face meeting and a workshop
 - Completed 2 more guidelines (*for Board approval*)
 - Modernized its website presence
 - Adopted a new guideline/model guide review process
 - Approved a new communications strategy

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For discussion: issues for QB's work plan

- QB is starting the development of its 2017-19 work plan
- Regulators staff identified and communicated their priorities by jurisdiction at the last QB meeting
- Results can be divided in 2 categories:
 - Issues QB is already addressing
 - Issues for QB's consideration

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Issues QB is already addressing

- Assessment of foreign applicants
- Requirements for the use of the seal
- Requirements for returning to active practice
- Guidance on compliance in software engineering
- Guidance on sustainable development
- Assessment of engineering supervision experience
- Share practices on continuing professional development

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New issues for QB's consideration

- Assessing international applicants
 - Academic qualifications
 - Experience requirements
- Guidance on permit to practice / certificate of authorization
- Investigating short term work across provinces
- Guidance on Aboriginal social licensing to operate
- Additional issues?

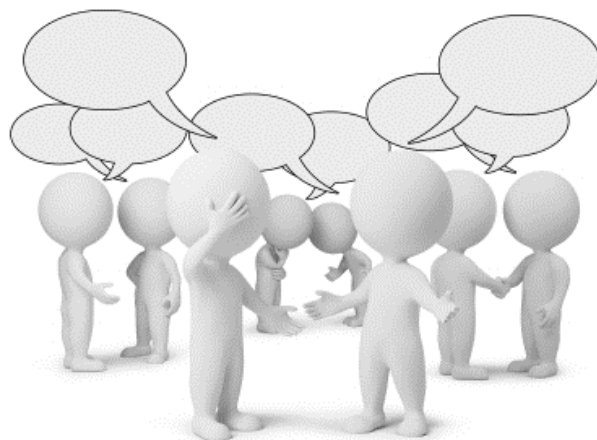
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Next steps for the QB work plan

1. Identification of issues (Sept 2016)
2. Consultation (Nov-Dec 2016)
3. Consolidation (Jan 2017)
4. Approval of draft (Jan 2017)
5. Final consultation (Feb 2017)
6. QB approval (April 2017)
7. Dissemination (May 2017)

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Comments/Questions



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