

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BULLETIN

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INFORMATION

During the COVID-19 pandemic situation, this Professional Practice Bulletin gives guidance to registrants in understanding their professional practice obligations.

PRACTICE REQUIREMENT

ASTTBC registrants are required to adhere to the following practice requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Essential Services

The BC Government has released a detailed [listing of essential services in BC](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. This list covers many of the services that applied science and engineering technologists, technicians and technical specialists provide. Where registrants are carrying out services not defined as essential they must adapt their services and workplace to adhere to the orders and recommendations of the Public Health Officer.

ASTTBC Code of Ethics

For those registrants who must leave their home we remind you that you will continue to meet the requirements of the [ASTTBC Code of Ethics](#), most importantly to hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety within the workplace. Please check the ASTTBC website and/or your registrant dashboard frequently for updates.

Other ASTTBC Professional Practice Bulletins

ASTTBC registrants must ensure they are aware of any other Professional Practice Bulletins issued by ASTTBC relevant to their specific discipline of registration.

Provincial and Federal Health Officer Orders

All ASTTBC registrants must observe the COVID-19 guidance and directives of both the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Authorities Having Jurisdiction - Protocols

All ASTTBC registrants shall contact the relevant authorities having jurisdiction to determine if there are any specific practice conditions or protocols in place by those jurisdictions to address COVID-19.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ASTTBC FIRE PROTECTION REGISTRANTS

ASTTBC fire protection technician registrants in all classifications must adhere to the following additional practice requirements and practice orders issued by the authorities having jurisdiction during the COVID-19 pandemic including:

1. Message from the [National Fire Protection Association](#), 03/26/2020
2. Message from the [BC Fire Commissioner](#), 03/25/2020
3. Message from the [City of Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services](#), 03/20/2020
4. [Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Fire Watch Requirements](#), 03/27/2020
5. [Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Fire Watch Log](#), 03/20/2020
6. [FPOABC Message](#), 03/20/2020
7. [CFAA Bulletin](#), 04/03/2020

ASTTBC fire protection technicians shall work with their employers, building owners/operators, and the authority having jurisdiction to determine how best to proceed with testing and inspection requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OTHER INFORMATION

For more COVID-19 information please refer to the following links:

For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, including for employers and businesses, visit [BCCDC](#)

For the COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and planning materials, visit [Provincial Health](#)

For more information and latest medical updates on COVID-19 including any recommendations for personal protective equipment and masks, follow the BC Centre for Disease Control on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit its website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

For more information on non-medical issues like travel recommendations and how to manage social isolation, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19

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