

REPORT TO ASTTBC COUNCIL

Meeting date: January 21, 2021

1. **SUBJECT:** To provide Council an update regarding the Registrar's activities. This report is presented to Council for information purposes.
2. **PURPOSE:** The report is for two months from November 1 to December 23, 2020.
3. **BACKGROUND:**

Preparing for Transition

Activities in November and December 2020 were once again dominated by transition and preparation for change. We continued to review our draft bylaws in light of feedback from the OSPG and anticipated adjustments to procedures.

The last meetings of the Board of Examiners, Practice Review Board and technical specialist certification boards were held in November and December. The agenda for each meeting included an update on the implementation status of the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA). Board members were reminded that boards will be discontinued when the *ASTT Act* is repealed and we are under the *PGA* and new regulations and bylaws, but that their work will continue in the form of working groups, which will advise on amendments to registration, continuing education, and practice review requirements.

Recruitment of additional layperson members for committees, as well as assessors, inspectors, and file reviewers to assist the Audit and Practice Review Committee, Investigation Committee, and Credentials Committee, respectively, continued.

Transition of governance toward the framework contemplated in the *PGA* continued. The Nomination Committee met and worked together toward a successful roll-out of the beginning of the 2021 election cycle. Its call for nominations was issued December 7, on schedule. The Nomination Committee is also working on a "Competency and Composition Matrix" for Council's review. The Matrix will assist the Committee and CABRO in continuing to ensure that an optimal combination of values, competencies, perspectives, and specialized skills and experiences continue to be reflected in Council membership.

Staff in registrations and investigations continue to work hard to modernize and harmonize procedures with new expectations under the *PGA*. There is more work to be done in this area, and ASTTBC is embracing the challenge with enthusiasm.

Expediting Technology Professionals Labour Market Integration (ETPLMI) Project

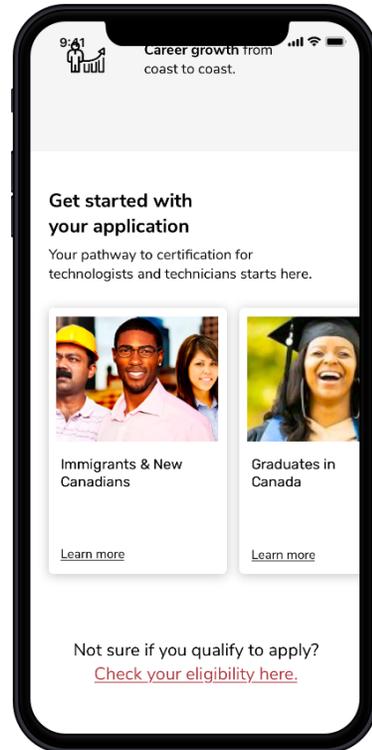
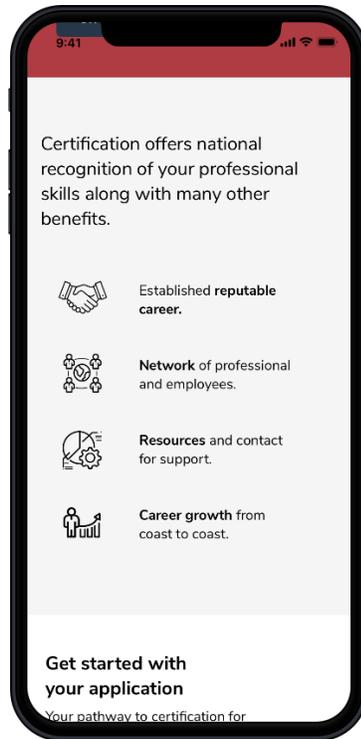
Significant progress has been made on the Expediting Technology Professionals Labour Market Integration (ETPLMI) project. The new national gateway website that will be the user interface for technology professional associations in Canada has been created. The new website engineeringtechnologycanada.ca will have enhanced search engine optimization and be mobile optimized. This means that depending upon device and screen size, the site will adapt to ensure good presentation and ease of use. The Bilingual (English and French) site will be especially convenient for internationally educated technology professionals and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel and veterans in addition to graduates of technology education programs in Canada.

A cooperation agreement has been reached with the National Advanced Placement Prior Learning (N-APPL) project based at BCIT to customize and use their state-of-the-art

competency recognition software to compare the qualifications of CAF personnel and veterans to the Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) standards used for certification and registration with ASTTBC. A collateral benefit of the cooperation with N-APPL is expanded reach to the network of CAF offices that provide transition services to military personnel and veterans.

The national gateway website component of the ETPLMI project is on schedule and on budget with April 2021 the anticipated completion date.

Sample pages on mobile devices



- 4. RECOMMENDATION:**
That Council receive for information the Registrar's Report.

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