
Policy Statement

Permit Residency

Background

Section 23.1 of the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* states ... “firm” includes a partnership, corporation or association of persons.

Section 23.2 states that *A permit holder may practice professional engineering or professional geosciences in the name of the firm.*

Section 23.3 states that *Council shall register as a permit holder and issue a permit to a firm that (a) files an application in the form provided by Council; (b) pays all the required fees; and (c) appoints at least one member or licensee who is a full-time employee, partner or officer of the firm to serve as its professional representative and to assume responsibility for the professional conduct of the firm.*

Section 23.4 states that *Where a firm maintains an office in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, at least one professional representative must be resident in that territory unless Council, in its discretion, dispenses with that requirement.*

NAPEG Bylaws are silent on the issue of residency, but do set out instructions for the use of the Permit Stamp and custodian of the Permit Stamp. The NAPEG Bylaws in Section 30 requires Permit Holders to conform to the Code of Ethics.

Purpose

This policy provides clarification on the intent of Section 23.4 and guidance to the Membership and Enforcement Committee to ensure that decisions, on recommendations to Council regarding Section 23.4, will be fair and consistent.

Policy

As per Section 23.4, it is the intent, for those firms providing engineering, geology, or geophysics services to the public that are facilitated through an office situated in the Northwest Territories or Nunavut, that those firms be represented by a professional member/licensee who is resident of the Territory in which the office is situated.

When a firm applies to Council for a dispensation of the requirement, it is incumbent upon the firm to demonstrate to the satisfaction of Council how they monitor the professional conduct of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut offices.