

# Mandatory Qualification of Building Officials

## General Audience Webinar

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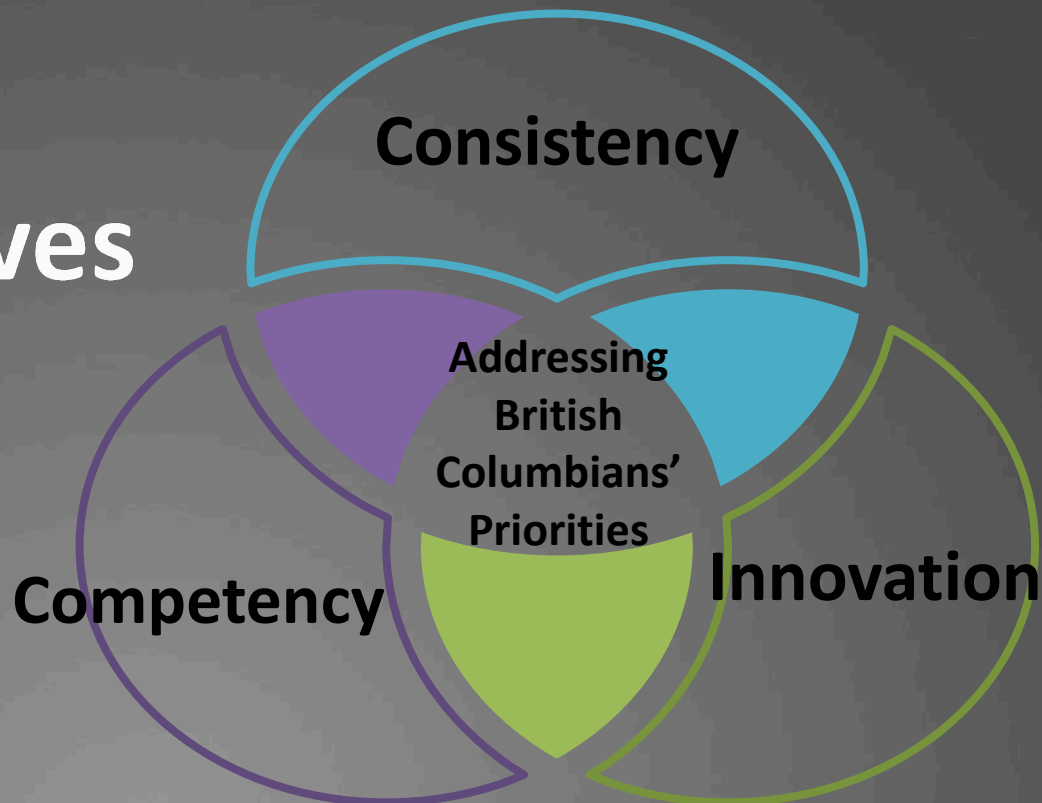
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# Purpose of this Presentation

- Describe building official qualification scheme
- Provide overview of trainee classes
- Review mechanics of registration and time lines
- Describe what will happen after Feb. 28, 2021

# Background: Policy Objectives



# Background – Regulatory Scheme

- Ultimate responsibility to ensure a building is 'code compliant' rests with the building owner
- Local governments can choose to regulate buildings in alignment with provincial building regulations
- Typically takes the form of building code compliance verification and permits

# Background – Building Officials

- Able to *decide on behalf of local authority* whether a matter *conforms to a building regulation*
- Essential part of enforcing building regulations
- Must be qualified to perform this function, effective February 28, 2021

# Qualification Scheme, Building Act



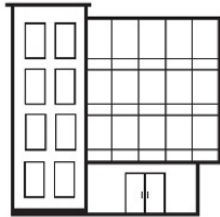
To be qualified, a building official must:

- be on the register and pay annual fees
- be a member of the BOABC in good standing
- complete annual CPD
- pass qualifying exams; and
- meet all other applicable regulatory requirements

# Qualification vs. Certification

- Regular qualification levels similar to BOABC voluntary certification scheme
- Key difference: experience requirements
- Key similarity: CPD requirements
- Qualification offers trainee classes - not contemplated in certification

# Classes and Scope of Practice

<b>Single family dwellings and other basic building types (Simple Part 9)</b>	<b>Small industrial and multi-family dwellings (Complex Part 9)</b>	<b>Large/complex industrial and public buildings (Part 3)</b>
Simple houses, duplexes, 4-unit rowhouses under three storeys in building height	Low-rise apartments and townhouses, small industrial and mercantile	High-rise apartments, all industrial and mercantile, public gathering places, institutional buildings
		



# Register For Qualified Officials

- Persons who meet eligibility criteria apply to be entered in register of qualified building officials
- Registrar of qualified building officials can add or strike building officials on the register
- Current registrar: Tyler Wightman – ED, BOABC

# New 'Training' Classes

- One for each of the five 'regular' classes
- Each trainee program has a time limit
- Trainee qualification exam to enter the class
- Trainees must be employed by a local authority
- Training plan and progress reports

# Qualification Mechanics

- Online register
- Apply online
- Application review
- Qualification issued

# Timing

- Focus on making trainee classes available as a first priority
- Professional Reliance classes - work ongoing: course and exams after February 28
- Discussions of concurrent trainee possibly folded into future consultation after February 28

# Questions?

# Thank you!