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**TITLE: THE USE OF DESIGNATIONS AND CERTIFICATION MARKS 2.7.6**

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## **Policy Statement**

From time to time the BOABC may establish certain designations (“Designations”) and related certification marks (the “Marks”), which the BOABC shall license to, or grant rights to use, including in a Title Use Agreement under the terms and conditions of this Policy and within BOABC Bylaws.

## **Purpose**

This Policy has been created to ensure that all uses of the Designations and Marks are consistent and promote the interests of the BOABC, and are subject to specific terms and conditions established by the Executive Committee.

## **Entitlement to use Designations**

Designations include the following acronyms and titles as described in BOABC Bylaws 28.1 Registered Building Official and 28.2 Building Code Qualified:

RBO	Registered Building Official
BCQ	Building Code Qualified

Applicants must meet the requirements for use of the RBO and BCQ titles usage, as specified in the BOABC Bylaws. These requirements demonstrate specific technical knowledge and competence with respect to current and past provincial building codes and standards, provincial legislation and municipal by-laws pertaining to health, fire and life safety in construction; construction methods, procedures, practices and materials; and enforcement of building codes and laws by means of:

- A. successfully completing and passing examinations
- B. serving as a building code inspector for a specified period of time

Such persons shall have met and continue to meet the standards of the Building Officials’ Association of BC as may be established from time to time in the Bylaws and Policies of the BOABC.

Individuals, who have been recommended by the Registrar and/or Certification Committee to the Executive Committee and granted a Level of Certification and/or the right to execute a Title Use Agreement for a Designation with the Association, shall remain in good standing and comply with the standards set out in this Policy.

A RBO member is required to maintain the Level 3 Certification by completing the update examinations, or course of study, as approved and within the time limit established by the Executive Committee and comply with the CPD, Continuing Professional Development maintenance requirements.

A BCQ member is required to complete the update examinations, or course of study, as approved and within the time limit established by the Executive Committee and comply with the CPD, Continuing Professional Development maintenance requirements.

These individuals may use the BCQ or RBO designation in communications or correspondence.

Such person may use the Designation on letterhead, business cards, report, articles or other promotional and advertising material, but only in connection with his/her name. Such persons are encouraged to refer to their Designation in all professional correspondence and professional activities, including as authors of articles and in other promotional materials.

For purposes of this Policy, “professional services” means services of the administration and enforcement of regulations related to buildings and structures and their planning, construction, demolition, alteration, renovation, maintenance, operation, and renewal insofar as such matters relate to fire prevention and protection, structural adequacy, safety, health, durability and the environment.

Individuals who are at one or more of the stages of Certification, or Levels leading towards a Designation, may advertise their stage of certification achieved in communications and/or correspondence, if they so choose.

The Designations (and any successor designation issued by the BOABC from time to time) attach to the qualified individual and not to a government office, firm, partnership or corporation.

The BOABC reserves the right at any time to change Designations, or the criteria for use of Designations.

A person authorized to use a Designation shall cease all such use upon notice by the BOABC.