



The Building Officials' Association of British Columbia (Association) is asking members and stakeholders for feedback on fee changes needed to administer mandatory qualifications for building and plumbing officials in accordance with the *Building Act* and its Administrative Agreement with the Province.

After reviewing the information below, please submit any feedback you may have to [info@boabc.org](mailto:info@boabc.org) by **March 8, 2021**. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Association at the email above or by phone at 604-270-9516.

### Annual Registration Fee

Under the *Building Act*, paying an annual fee is a requirement of being a qualified building or plumbing official and included in the public register. The annual fee is paid to the Minister or authority responsible for administering the qualification program. The Minister has designated the Association as the authority responsible for administering the qualification program.

The annual registration fee is separate from the annual Association membership dues and will help recover costs associated with new educational offerings and administrative functions under the Act.

### *2021 Registration Fee*

To support stakeholders with moving to the new mandatory qualification program, building officials who meet requirements for qualification on February 28, 2021 will have their existing qualifications automatically entered into the register on the Association website. A transitional annual registration fee of \$0 will be applied to recognize these existing credentials.

Building officials who apply for new qualifications after February 28, 2021, will pay an annual registration fee of \$50 (+ GST).

### *2022 Registration Fee*

All qualified building officials will need to pay the annual registration fee of \$50 starting in 2022 to meet qualification requirements under the Act. This amount will be included, but identified separately on the annual invoice that members receive for annual Association membership dues in February 2022.

### Building Official In-Training

The 'Building Official In-Training' (BOIT) or trainee classification is being established to help municipalities and other local authorities meet the mandatory qualification requirements for building and plumbing officials. The classification is *not mandatory* and instead, provides an *optional* way for individuals to start their career as a building or plumbing official. It can also help existing building and plumbing officials who want to achieve higher levels of qualification, or require some additional time to complete their final qualification exam(s) after February 28, 2021.



For building officials and others who choose to pursue the BOIT classification, the following fees will apply when the BOIT classification is released:

<b>BOIT FEE SUMMARY<sup>1</sup></b>		
	<b>Member Fee</b>	<b>Non-Member Fee</b>
<b>Trainee Course &amp; Exam</b>	\$200	\$250
<b>Trainee Course Only</b>	\$150	\$175
<b>Trainee Exam</b>	\$75	\$100

Note 1: All fees are subject to G.S.T.

### Association Fee Review

The Association is initiating a comprehensive financial review in 2021-22. The review will assess the current and future resource needs of the Association relative to its legislative obligations, long-term sustainability, and focus on delivering valuable education and other services to members and stakeholders.

As a first step, the Association is establishing a Finance Committee to lead the review, which will include engaging with building officials, local authorities, and other stakeholders. Further information about the review will be provided once the committee has been established.