

## Alberta Board of Skilled Trades Updates

In fall 2022, the Alberta Board of Skilled Trades (ABST) formed [three standing committees](#), which have been meeting regularly to carry out the board's legislated functions and ensure that the board meets its mandate.

Read more about the work of each standing committee below!

### **Board Operations Standing Committee (BOSC)**

The BOSC's purpose is to:

- Ensure that ABST operations are effective,
- Address promotional opportunities for the ABST and skilled trades in general, and
- Develop operational, promotional, and strategic plans for the board.

Key priorities include:

- Developing and implementing ABST effectiveness and board competency measures;
- Creating an ABST Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan/Priorities to be released in late 2023; and
- Diversity and Inclusion work as it relates to skilled trades professions in Alberta.

### **Industry Network Standing Committee (INSC)**

The INSC is responsible to:

- Establish and maintain the Board's industry advisory mechanism, and
- Consult with industry on issues related to the skilled trades professions in Alberta that [fall under the Board's mandate](#).

Key priorities include:

- Prioritizing industry issues for board action,
- Engaging with industry and stakeholders to address outstanding and new certification and restricted activity issues in the trades, and
- Launching the Board's industry engagement structure (planned for Fall 2023), which will leverage best practices for industry consultation, ensure sustainability of the model, and set up a system to effectively process matters brought to the board.

### **Industry Standard Standing Committee (ISSC)**

The ISSC is responsible for reviewing industry recommendations, in advance of them being brought to the board, related to:

- trade designations,
- certification standards,
- scope of profession,
- restricted activities, and
- classes of individuals for designated trades.

The ISSC's role is also to:

- Review applications for the designation of new trades,
- Review the viability of existing designated trades as requested [by the Administrator](#),
- Make recommendations for continuing or rescinding a designation,
- Review other industry qualification programs and out-of-province journeyperson certification to determine recommendations for recognition, and

- Address outstanding and new issues for Board consideration.

## Contact the ABST

If you have any issues, questions or suggestions, email the ABST at [Board.SkilledTrades@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Board.SkilledTrades@gov.ab.ca).

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