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To All SBOA Members:

Re: SBOA Exam Program

On January 26th, 2017, members of the SBOA Board of Directors met with Government Relations' Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, and Chief Building Official to present a new path for building officials in Saskatchewan to become Certified, and an alternative path to achieve the Government of Saskatchewan Building Official Licenses. I am happy to report today that after four years of work, effort, collaboration, and partnerships from volunteers and industry professionals not only in this province, but from across the county, Building Officials in Saskatchewan have a new path to achieve our professional goals of becoming a licensed Building Official and advancing in our careers.

The SBOA Certification Exam Program is live. Mr. Meickel, Chief Building Official, Government Relations, through their due diligence and ongoing review of the development of the program, are prepared to accept successful achievement of the new SBOA exams as an acceptable alternative of the existing government licensing challenge exams. In addition, The Building Code Training for Canadians will also remain as a qualification option for a Class 1 licence. The government is approaching this as a 1-year trial basis in order to ensure the program serves its purpose effectively, and that any challenges or improvements can be handled efficiently.

Register to take your exams here: <https://exams.acboa.ca/>, or just click to have a look and see what's there. Select the Saskatchewan option from the drop-down (the only option to date), and select your exam.

Attached you will find a flowchart designed to help you navigate the process. The Southeast College, through a new agreement is the registrar for the new exam program. Similar to arrangements for writing BCTC or Government challenge exams, you will make your arrangements with an Exam Writing Location (many of which are still open – contact info will be on the website). Feedback is instant, and your marks will be held in permanent record with the College. We are putting together a new page on the website to make this process clear and outline how SBOA Certification plays into the new program. We are also putting together a new Syllabus to help outline each exam. There is a Syllabus available on the website now along with all our Certification Program information at <https://sboa.sk.ca/about/policies-procedures-manual/>. An SBOA Certification Application Form is attached as well.

Below is a brief outline of the exam program; exams are 2 hours, 50 questions, \$225 per exam:

SBOA Building Code Qualified Level 1 / Building Official Class 1 License (alternative to the BSL-Class 1 Challenge Exam):

Exam 1 – Building Envelope 2015

Exam 2 – Health and Life Safety 2015

SBOA Building Code Qualified 2 / Building Official Class 2 License (alternative to the BSL-Class 2 Challenge Exam):

Exam 3 – HVAC and Fire Protection 2015
Exam 4 – Structural 2015
Exam 5 – Plan Review 2015

SBOA Building Official Code Qualified 3 / Building Official Class 3 License (alternative to the BSL-Class III Challenge Exam):

Exam 6 – Large Health and Safety 2015
Exam 7 – Large Classification and Construction 2015
Exam 8 – Large Plan Review – 2015
Exam 9 – Large Life Safety Systems – 2015
Exam 10 – Large Fire Protection - 2015

Footnote: the exams are being considered as alternative to the Challenge Exams; all other Licensing requisites and pre-requisites have not changed.

This is a very exciting moment for Saskatchewan Building Officials. We can't thank our friends and colleagues from across the country enough in making sure this got delivered! We promised our members and government that we would get this done. We may have been driving the bus, but without Building Official Associations from across Canada and the key partners that make up ACBOA keeping the motor running, and without their huge investments of time and resources, it wouldn't have happened. We look forward to hosting them in our province again one day when we can thank them face to face. And finally, I want to congratulate and thank the SBOA Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to this project. Your relentless commitment to your industry and the Association is undeniably essential!

Best of luck with your next exam everyone! Be well!

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Att. – Exam Writing and Cert Program Flowchart
– SBOA Certification Application Form
– SBOA Certification Exam Content Outlines