



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Alberta Assessors' Association

And

[The] Institute of Municipal Assessors

(the Participants)

Considering the nationalization of the practice of assessment for the purpose of municipal taxation and the professional certification and regulatory roles of the Participants within their jurisdictions,

Noting the exchanges between the Participants, including discussions about the alignment of practical experience, technical aptitude and professional characteristics related to labour mobility, continuing professional development and common technical standards and further **Noting** the unusual and generally unforeseen circumstances of contemporary organizational operations [in a worldwide pandemic],

Aiming to establish a starting point for future discussions of the benefits of a common understanding and implementation of assessment practice standards,

Seeking to continue the pursuit of collaborative approaches that engage the Participants and other practitioners in the commonalities of practice of assessment across jurisdictions while honouring the unique status, independence and authority of assessment groups,

Wishing to make a partnership more formal and enduring,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to define a common agenda in the pursuit of a Canadian identity of an assessment professional by having nationalized professional and technical skills development, standards of practice and ethics with the assurance of jurisdictional independence.

2. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Participants will exchange views, information, experience and possible solutions:

- i. by confirming common practices for labour mobility/cross-jurisdictional certification;
- ii. by promoting to other stakeholders these common practices as desired or requested;
- iii. participating in joint meetings to review the resources and capacity (financial and other operational limits) that inhibit or encourage progress;
- iv. continuing the discussion to ensure the IMA and AAA do not lose ground in understanding and appreciation for reciprocal interests in elements of nationalization;



- v. considering areas of common training or professional development inventory, needs and opportunities;
- vi. creating efficiencies respecting training/professional development;
- vii. continuing discussions about the approaches to nationalization of professional standards and a consistent national professional profile;

3. COORDINATION

The Participants will nominate representatives who will oversee the implementation of this MOU by

- i. establishing a schedule of meetings for a twelve-month period following the signing of the MOU.
- ii. agreeing to participate or represent their organization at each other's annual meetings when or if invited.
- iii. deciding collaboratively on when or how this Memorandum of Understanding will be satisfied or amended.
- iv. collaborating as necessary on how any activities that arise from the MOU will be funded.

4. STATUS AND DISPOSITION

This MOU is not legally binding but indicates the intent of the Participants to continue to explore and collaborate in areas aligning with the Purpose.

- i. This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature of the Participants and remain valid for a period of 2 years.
- ii. The Participants may review and amend or renew this MOU for another 2 years or at any time upon mutual written consent.
- iii. A Participant may terminate the MOU by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participant.



Signed for and on behalf of The Alberta Assessors Association

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Date: April 23, 2021

Signed for and on behalf of the Institute of Municipal Assessors

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