



professional supervision

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PROFESSIONAL

INSPECTION

OVER TIME

Many engineers have given their time to meet the goals of the Professional Inspection Committee and shared their expertise. I would like to take the opportunity provided by the OIQ's 100th anniversary to thank them for it. Together, we have taken real actions to make engineers' practice synonymous with excellence; the goal is to protect the public. Today, Québec engineering is globally renowned and we continue our relentless quest for excellence. The public not only deserves this, but also the members of our profession.

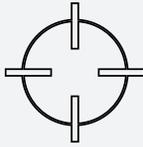
COMPETENCE FIRST

1974

The Professional Code requires professional orders to form a professional inspection committee.

1976

The OIQ adopts a regulation establishing its Professional Inspection Committee.



ONE MISSION

Engineering changes, but the professional inspection mission remains the same: supervise engineering practice, while helping to develop professional practice so that it is focused on excellence and the continuous improvement of competencies.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SUPERVISION PROGRAM



1973

The priorities were:

- ▶ general supervision visits;
- ▶ reclassification visits;
- ▶ readmission visits.

2020

A new inspection method in step with today's standards:

- ▶ a team of 22 inspectors conducts meetings focused on professional practice;
- ▶ each inspector meets with members who work in the area of practice that corresponds to his or her expertise;
- ▶ priority is given to inspecting members working in at-risk fields.

1987-1988

The objectives were:
525 **group** visits to meet 1,900 engineers.

2019-2020

The objectives are:
3,000 **individual** inspection visits **only**.

MEMBER OPINIONS



1997

47% of members estimated that their inspection gave them the opportunity to improve their professional practice.

2019

Today, according to a post-inspection survey, **95%** of inspected members feel that their inspection helped them improve their practice.

THE NEW FEATURE IN 2019-2020 PRACTICE SUPERVISION ACTIVITIES



The self-evaluation questionnaire

Objectives:

- ▶ prevention and information concerning professional obligations;
- ▶ self-validation of the mastery level of general knowledge required to practice the profession and determination of the concepts that need to be perfected;
- ▶ recognized continuing education activities.

Target for 2019-2020: 2,000 engineers

1st result: According to a survey, 96% of engineers think that the topics covered in the questionnaire were relevant to their professional practice. Watch for the next issue of *plan* to learn more.