



DID YOU KNOW..?

SUBJECT: REGULATOR AND AN ASSOCIATION

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...the differences between a regulatory agency and an association?

Here are the top 10 differences between a regulatory agency/College, such as CASLPO and an association of professionals, such as OSLA:

	Regulator	Association
1	Acts in the interest of the public	Acts in the interest of the profession
2	Governed by a Council consisting of professional members and government appointed public members	Governed by a Board of Directors consisting of professionals
3	Registers members based on legislated criteria. Membership is mandatory in order to practice.	Accepts members based on association-determined criteria. Membership is voluntary.
4	Requires members to participate in legislated quality assurance programs	Provides members with opportunities for continuing education
5	Sets standards of practice to ensure safe and competent service for the public	Provides competency enhancing opportunities for members seeking to work to a "gold " standard
6	Engages the public in order to inform them of the value of regulated professionals	Engages the members in order to serve their professional needs
7	Required to have a complaints process in place to respond to members who do not practice to the set standards	The provincial association is not required to have a complaints process in place
8	Advocates for the public in order to ensure safe, effective and equitable service across the province.	Advocates for the profession in order to effect changes to service delivery, to develop specialty certificates, increase public awareness of professional services.

9	Provides accessible information to the public regarding the professions, the registry of members, expected practice standards and the complaints process	Provides accessible information to its members regarding professional development opportunities, developments in the professional fields, political developments that affect the professions
10	Accountable to the public, the government and the members	Accountable to the members