

Policy: Publication of Illegal Practice Resolutions

January 1, 2026

1.0 Background and Authority

- 1.1 As a public interest regulator, the AIBC has an obligation of transparency and publishes all substantiated illegal practice resolutions on its website at aibc.ca/protecting-the-public/illegal-practice/illegal-practice-resolutions.
- 1.2 AIBC Bylaw 8.32 (“Notification of Illegal Practice”) gives the Registrar authority to Publish notices or resolutions of unlawful use of reserved titles or breaches of the Reserved Practice of architecture. Under the Bylaw, the Registrar is permitted to “determine the duration and manner of such Publication”. Subject to the Registrar’s discretion under the Bylaw on any given matter, this policy provides guidance for publication of illegal practice resolutions.
- 1.3 Under the now repealed *Architects Act*, illegal practice resolutions were Published on the website for a period of six months.
- 1.4 Since the AIBC’s transition to the *Professional Governance Act* (“PGA”) on February 10, 2023, Published illegal practice resolutions have remained on the website until the date of this policy.
- 1.5 The new policy outlined below will take effect on January 1, 2026.

2.0 Publication Notices

- 2.1 Publications are to include the following information, as applicable:
 - summary of the illegal practice or misrepresentation contravention(s);
 - acknowledgment that the AIBC’s concerns were addressed and/or that misrepresentations were corrected;
 - whether an Undertaking and Covenant Agreement was requested and secured; and
 - whether a fine was issued pursuant to section 106(2) of the PGA, and paid at the time of Publication.

3.0 Publication Removal

- 3.1 Illegal practice resolutions for non-registrants will be removed from the AIBC’s website two years from the date of publication. If an individual or other entity is found to have engaged in illegal practice or misrepresentation more than once within the same two-year period, each resolution will be removed two years after its respective publication date.
- 3.2 Resolutions of repeat offences will be Published, and any prior resolution(s) will remain on the website until the two-year anniversary date.
- 3.3 All illegal practice resolutions for non-registrants posted between February 10, 2023, and December 31, 2023, will be removed from the website as soon as practicable.
- 3.4 The Illegal Practice Officer (“IPO”) is responsible for monitoring the illegal practice webpage and determining when resolutions have reached the two-year anniversary.
- 3.5 At the two-year anniversary, the IPO will notify and coordinate with AIBC Communications staff to remove resolutions.
- 3.6 Resolutions will be removed at the end of the month in which the two-year anniversary date falls.
- 3.7 The policy stated in 3.1 to 3.6 above does not apply to PGA Registrants, whose illegal practice resolutions will remain on the AIBC’s website indefinitely.