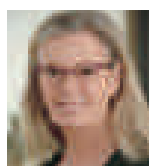


# The Difference between a Licence and a Designation

In the last issue of *CM Magazine*, it was noted that since Day-1 ACMO's founding directors saw the need for some form of regulation or licensing for professional condominium



management. As licensing approaches, ACMO executive members, together with management staff, continue their efforts on behalf of current and future professional condominium managers across the Province.

ACMO has and will continue to keep you informed as licensing is launched in November 1, 2017. Regular meetings with Government and staff at the CMRAO have enabled ACMO to be at the forefront as new requirements and deadlines unfold, although at the time of writing there are still some final points to be confirmed.

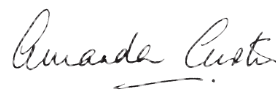
What we do know is that the completion of the ACMO educational program offered through colleges across Ontario will be an expectation for licensing. In her announcement of July 20th, Minister MacCharles also named ACMO as the Association authorized to offer courses to condominium management providers – in addition to the colleges; and to provide the challenge examinations as mentioned in the criteria for a General Licence. That is, “a General Licence will require an applicant to have more than 2 years of work experience as a condominium manager obtained within the previous 5 years; and have successfully completed ACMO's Registered Condominium Manager (RCM) designation examination; or have successfully completed the four condominium management courses, or applicable challenge examinations, developed by ACMO”. We refer you to ACMO's Website for FAQ's and other resource materials relating to amendments to the Condo Act 1998 and introduction of licensing under the *Condominium Management Services Act*.

What is clear is that ACMO has over the years become the recognized Association representing both individual condominium managers and property management firms

in Ontario. The increasing number of calls and inquiries received at the ACMO office as well as the significant increase in course enrolment underscore the value of the RCM designation. A licence will very soon be a requirement, and different levels will be available. However, a licence is not a designation. The Registered Condominium Manager RCM designation will continue to denote a professional who has met a stringent course and examination process and who fulfills annual continuing education requirements. Corporation boards of directors are entirely familiar with the RCM, and with the added comfort of a provincial licence will continue to ask for an RCM!

Recognizing the importance of the designation, ACMO has for a limited time waived the \$200 administrative fee to assist lapsed RCM members in applying for reinstatement; and for our current members we are pleased to announce the reduction in annual membership fees commencing 2018.

In other areas, the Association remains committed to building on valuable services provided to our members. A series of topic-specific interactive videos will be released in the Fall, together with the first of 12 ready-reference resource books for condominium managers. Personal and professional liability insurance coverage offered to individual and corporate members in good standing is proving to provide substantial savings. Regional conferences and GTA luncheons continue to be popular events at which members participate in continuing education sessions and network with industry professionals. And last, but certainly not least, the ACMO – CCI-T flagship event CONDO Conference 2017 will take place on November 10th & 11th. The exhibit floor is already sold out, and in changing times, attendance has never been so important. We encourage readers to register now, and look forward to seeing you there, if not before!



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