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Changes to the *Exploration Regulation* and Associated Directives

On January 22, 2021, the Government of Alberta amended the *Exploration Regulation* under which we regulate the geophysical industry in Alberta. These amendments include the following:

- The contents of the former 26 exploration directives have been consolidated into a single *Exploration Directive*.
- A number of technical, operational, and procedural requirements have been transferred from the regulation into the consolidated directive.
- Some administrative changes have been made to the regulation, including clarifying the ministry responsible, clarifying requirements around existing financial deposits, and providing timeline and process flexibility for complex applications.

The amended *Exploration Regulation* can be found at [the Queen's Printer](#). The consolidated *Exploration Directive* can be found at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/exploration-directive>.

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