

PEQAB Policy 15: Pause, Withdrawal, Suspension & Termination of the Consent/Process Policy & Procedures

15.1 Pause: For degree programs under Review with PEQAB, Colleges/organizations may **Pause** the Review if they simply want an extension to consider next steps or wish to request additional time for their Response to the Review Panel.

Procedure

Provide the PEQAB Senior Policy Advisor or peqab@ontario.ca with email notification, requesting the “pause” with a rationale. PEQAB will provide an email approving the pause/extension.

15.2 Withdrawal: For degree programs under Review with PEQAB, Colleges/organizations may **Withdraw** the program at any point in time in the consent process up to (but not including) the Minister’s issuing a letter of consent.

Procedure

Provide the email notification to PostsecondaryEducationProgramsBranch@ontario.ca ccing peqab@ontario.ca or the PEQAB Senior Policy Advisor. PEQAB will note this degree program proposal as “Withdrawn” on its public-facing website.

15.3 Deemed Withdrawal: For degree programs under Review with PEQAB where an application has been inactive without a request for pause/extension for a period of six (6) months, that application will be **deemed withdrawn**.

Procedure

Where six (6) months has elapsed during which there has been no communication from the applicant to PEQAB, despite the need for such communication in order to move the Review forward, the Review will be ended and the application will be marked on the PEQAB website as “Withdrawn.” The beginning of this six (6) month period will be marked by the most recent date of email or other correspondence from the applicant to PEQAB.

15.4 Suspension: For degree programs with a current consent, Colleges/organizations may **suspend** offering the program if they wish only temporarily to **not** offer it to new students. In this case, they would be committing to continuing the program for currently enrolled students up to the point where they graduate.

Procedure

Provide the email notification to PostsecondaryEducationProgramsBranch@ontario.ca ccing peqab@ontario.ca or the PEQAB Senior Policy Advisor.

15.5 Termination: For degree programs with a current consent, Colleges/organizations may apply for the **termination** of consent and the teaching-out of the program if they wish to permanently end the program and therefore the consent.

Procedure

Submit to PostsecondaryEducationProgramsBranch@ontario.ca a request to terminate the degree program consent along with a teach-out plan, showing how currently enrolled students will be enabled to complete the program. Such teach-out plans will normally be referred to PEQAB for its Review. Once the teach-out has concluded as per an approved plan, PEQAB will remove the program from <https://www.peqab.ca/CurrentConsent.html>.