

RESOURCES

Under the *Lobbyists Act*, the Registrar may issue interpretation bulletins or advisory opinions with respect to the enforcement, interpretation or application of this Act or the regulations under the Act.

Any questions on whether or not you are required to file as either a consultant lobbyist or an organization lobbyist should be directed to the Registrar. Any questions relating to what constitutes “lobbying” activities may also be directed to the Registrar.

Further information on the *Lobbyists Act* may be obtained from the website:

www.LobbyistsAct.ab.ca



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Contracting
Prohibitions
under the
Lobbyists Act
of Alberta

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CONTRACTING PROHIBITIONS

TERMS USED IN THE ACT

Section 6 of the *Lobbyists Act* sets out the contracting prohibitions with respect to “lobbying” and “contracts for providing paid advice.” Please consult the exact wording of the text for all definitions.

The prohibitions relate to an agreement or other arrangement under which a person directly or indirectly receives or is to receive payment for providing advice to Government or a prescribed provincial entity.

“Payment” is defined in section 1(1)(h) of the Act but for the purposes of section 6, it does not include **reasonable remuneration** received for serving on a board, commission, council or other similar body and **on which there are at least two other members who represent other organizations or interests.**

PROHIBITION

No person shall lobby on a subject matter if that person is holding a contract for providing paid advice on the same subject-matter.

No person shall enter into a contract for providing paid advice on a subject-matter if that person lobbies on the same subject-matter as that of the contract

EXEMPTIONS

The Ethics Commissioner* may exempt a person from the prohibitions described in the Act if the Commissioner believes it is in the public interest to do so.

The Commissioner may impose terms and conditions on any exemption given.

The Commissioner must provide reasons for giving an exemption and all exemptions will be disclosed on the public registry.

TRANSITIONAL

If on the coming into force of the section relating to contracting prohibitions, a person, or a person associated with that person, holds a contract for providing paid advice on a subject-matter and either the person or the associated person lobbies on the same subject-matter,

- (a) the person holding the contract must cease to hold the contract, or
- (b) The person lobbying must cease to lobby on that subject-matter,

within 60 days of the coming into force of the section.