



ELECTRONIC APPROVAL

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Category:	B. Administration
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Policy Owner:	Chief Financial Officer Director, Business Services

Objective:	To outline principles and guidelines relating to electronic approvals and signatures. This policy will outline acceptable situations, methods and tools to indicate approval and review for both internal and external purposes.
Policy:	<p>FOIP - Electronic signatures and the records to which they are applied are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, c F-25.</p> <p>This policy applies to approvals necessary under Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the "College") Policies and Procedures. The College accepts electronic approvals for both internally generated and externally generated approvals that meet the below criteria. This policy applies to all electronic approvals regardless of if they are performed at the College or remotely from home offices or other remote locations.</p> <p>Approval requirements - All approvals, electronic or physical must meet certain criteria to be eligible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The individual providing the signature or approval is identifiable. 2. The approval can only be created or performed by one person with the proper credentials and not duplicated by anyone else. 3. Date of the approval is clear. 4. It must be clear what is being signed or approved.
Definitions:	<p>Electronic: Includes created, recorded, transmitted, or stored in digital form or in any other tangible form by electronic, magnetic, or optical means or by any other means that have similar capabilities for creation, recording, transmission, or storage. Email, scanning and sign off features embedded within software are examples of electronic records.</p> <p>Electronic Signature: Electronic information that a person creates or adopts in order to sign a record and that is in, attached to, or associated with the record. This can include, but is not limited to a script signature, or the checking of a box to "accept" terms of a document.</p>
Related Information:	

Related Procedures:

B12 Electronic Approval Procedure

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