

Innovation Sandbox Eligibility Criteria

The Law Society evaluates applications to the Innovation Sandbox based on the approved eligibility criteria. If the Law Society determines that an application meets the eligibility criteria, it will be accepted into the Innovation Sandbox.

In Scope

The proposed delivery model must advance a goal of the Law Society's Strategic Plan:

- Innovation & Proactive Regulation
- Access
- Competence & Wellness
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Benefit to the Public

The proposed delivery model must offer a reasonable prospect of identifiable and clear benefits to the public, such as improved efficiencies, lower cost, or greater access.

Access to Innovation Sandbox is Necessary

The Innovation Sandbox is designed for delivery models that are not in compliance with the *Rules of the Law Society of Alberta* or the *Code of Conduct*. In the absence of the Innovation Sandbox, the delivery model could not operate.

Genuine Innovation

Proposed delivery models should be innovative in Alberta, address gaps or offer a significantly different way of delivering legal services.

Safeguards

The proposed delivery model must identify any reasonably foreseeable risks that may be posed to the public during a pilot. Safeguards that will mitigate these risks and protect clients, such as appropriate insurance, must be identified and put in place.

Business Operating Permits

Any business permits required by the local or the provincial government must be obtained prior to operating the delivery model in Alberta.

Readiness

The applicant must indicate when they will be ready to implement the proposed delivery model in a live environment. Readiness will be established by having a well-developed business plan, that sets out clear objectives, measures for success, safeguards for the public along with the necessary tools and resources in place.

Exit Strategy

Applicants are required to have a clear exit strategy either for a pre-determined end date, or earlier if the IRWG determines that a delivery model must cease operations during the pilot.