



REGISTRATION POLICY

PRE-GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

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Words and terms that are capitalized throughout this document have definitions that are specific to this set of policies. Please refer to these Defined Terms when reviewing this and other registration policy documents.

PURPOSE

To outline acceptable pre-graduate and postgraduate experience that can be reported as part of the four-year experience requirement for registration as a professional engineer (P.Eng.) or professional geoscientist (P.Geo.).

POLICY

PRE-GRADUATE EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Engineering or Geoscience Programs

Applicants may be credited with up to 12 months of acceptable pre-graduate experience towards the 4-year experience period required for registration as a P.Eng. or P.Geo. if all the following conditions are satisfied:

- The experience was supervised by a P.Eng. or P.Geo. (or international equivalent), as appropriate;
- The Applicant has completed the first half of the program's course work;
- The application of engineering or geoscience theory (at a minimum) is included;
- The experience complies with the Policy on Currency of Experience; and
- The experience is reported through the Competency Assessment System and verified by the Applicant's Validators.

To determine the period in which pre-graduate experience can be credited, transcripts are required.

To determine the midpoint of the degree, calculate the total number of credit hours required to complete the degree, divide the number by 2.

If the Applicant switched programs and later transferred into an engineering or geoscience program, the earlier courses that are not related to the engineering or geoscience degree would not be taken into consideration when determining the pre-graduate period.

Graduates of Diploma in Technology (or equivalent) Programs

In exceptional circumstances, up to 12 months of technologist experience (over and above pre-graduate experience) may be credited at the discretion of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia if the following conditions are satisfied:

- The experience examples related to pre-graduate experience include application of theory (at a minimum) related to the engineering or geoscience competencies.
- The experience is reported through the Competency Assessment System and verified by the Applicant's Validators.

To establish the pre-graduate experience period for technologists who subsequently obtain their engineering or geoscience degree, Applicants must first determine the date of qualification of the technologist degree. The date that requirements are completed for the engineering or geoscience degree signifies the end of the pre-graduate period.

If there is a significant gap between the date the technologist degree was completed and the beginning of the engineering or geoscience degree, registration staff will determine the pre-graduate period accordingly.

POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

An Applicant who has a higher degree in a related discipline as their undergraduate degree may be given credit for experience up to one-half of the time taken in earning the degree to a maximum of:

- 1 year for a master's degree; or
- 2 years for a doctorate.

A maximum of 2 years of credit will be given for a combination of a master's and a PhD.

All work experience obtained during postgraduate studies must be reported through the Competency Assessment System and verified by the Applicant's Validators. Work experience will be evaluated using the Competency Framework for evaluation of experience. Teaching of subjects where there is no application of engineering or geoscience principles is not considered appropriate experience for registration.

Postgraduate study will not fulfill the requirement for Canadian Environment Experience Competencies.

This policy is not intended to fetter the discretion of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee has discretion to consider all available information in assessing whether pre-graduate or postgraduate experience may be used towards experience requirements for registration as a P.Eng. or a P.Geo.

RELATED POLICIES

- Currency of Experience

Please refer to the [Registration and Reinstatement Policies](#) page to view all relevant policies.

VERSION HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
1.0	January 30, 2026	Initial version.