Requirement for Satisfactory Geoscience Experience in a Canadian Environment

Within the four-year minimum satisfactory geoscience work experience requirement, all applicants are required to gain at least one year of satisfactory geoscience work experience in a Canadian Environment*, under the direct supervision of a Canadian Professional Geoscientist from the discipline of geoscience demonstrated in the experience. Where appropriate, Council in its discretion may accept as equivalent the direct supervision of other supporting referees/references.

This is to ensure that applicants have demonstrated that they have had experience of a satisfactory depth and breadth; and that they are conversant with the applicable laws, practices, standards, customs, codes, conditions and climates specific to the practice of professional geoscience in Canada.

In exceptional circumstances, a candidate with less than one year of satisfactory geoscience experience in a Canadian Environment may be deemed, at the discretion of Council, to have satisfied the requirement. Each case will be assessed on its own merits.

All applicants must demonstrate that their Canadian Environment experience:

1) is supported by the undergraduate and/or postgraduate academic formation of the applicant;

2) is supported by a minimum of two Canadian Professional Geoscientist referees/references from the discipline of geoscience demonstrated in the experience, and who have detailed knowledge of the work of the applicant; or supporting referees/references that is at Council’s discretion to accept as equivalent;

3) is broad-based and at the level of complexity and responsibility that demonstrates that the applicant is ready to accept the full professional responsibility held by registered professional geoscientists, and has reached the level of professional maturity needed to judge when he/she is out of his/her area of competence. This includes the application of geoscientific principles at a satisfactory level, adhering to APEGBC’s Satisfactory Geoscience Experience requirement.

*The term “Canadian Environment” is defined as:

- work experience obtained in Canada, supervised by a professional geoscientist, registered or licensed in the applicable Canadian jurisdiction; or,

- work experience acquired outside Canada, where applicants demonstrate a good knowledge of laws, practices, standards, customs, codes, conditions and climates specific to the practice of professional geoscience in Canada.