COM-A4 FIELD TECHNIQUES – REPORTING EXPERIENCE IN LIEU OF COURSES

OVERVIEW

Applicants can choose to report work experience in lieu of taking a field techniques course offered by a post-secondary institution. To do this, an applicant should ensure that their work experience is equivalent to the type of experience and work gained in a classroom setting.

The Geoscientists Canada Knowledge Requirements' definition on field techniques differs depending on the discipline that an applicant is looking to apply in.

For Geology and Environmental Geoscience applicants, Field Techniques is defined by obtaining knowledge and skills in:

- Navigation
- Geological Mapping Techniques
- Sampling
- Field Reports
- Multiple days of field work*

For Geophysics applicants, Field Techniques consists of:

- Field surveys and data collection techniques for seismic, gravity, magnetic, electromagnetic, electrical, and radiometric methods.
- Surveys for elevation and position location
- Field analysis of geophysical data.
- Instrumentation
- Multiple days of field work*

Applicants should highlight how their work experience has met the above topics when reporting their experience.
*To align with field technique courses offered at BC institutions, it is recommended that the reported work experience cover a minimum of 12 working days.

Note that it is not guaranteed that an applicant’s work experience will be accepted as meeting the requirements for COM-A4 Field Techniques. A detailed academic assessment will determine if an applicant’s work experience is an acceptable equivalent to taking a field techniques course.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

To report work experience for COM-A4, applicants will be required to supply the following documents for their assessment:

- **Work Experience Details** – Complete the Geoscience Experience Template for COM-A4 Field Techniques. Highlight experience that covers the requirements mentioned above and indicate the duration of the experience obtained.

- Work experience details for COM-A4 should be added as an addendum to the course descriptions document (if required for the applicant’s application).

  - [Geology or Environmental Geoscience Experience Template for COM-A4 Field Techniques](#)
  - [Geophysics Experience Template for COM-A4 Field Techniques](#)

- **Reference Form(s)** – A reference form will be required from the P.Geo./P.Eng. supervisor(s) to confirm the referee’s supervisory role and the applicant’s involvement in the field techniques experience reported.

  Applicants must ask their referees to complete this document and send it to register@egbc.ca. Reference form templates are available below:

  - [Geology or Environmental Geoscience - Reference Form](#)
  - [Geophysics – Reference Form](#)