



ENGINEERS &  
GEOSCIENTISTS  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# GEOSCIENTIST-IN-TRAINING

QUICK GUIDE TO REGISTRATION

# WHAT IS ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC?

Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia is the regulatory authority for these professions in the province of BC. We set and maintain high academic, experience, and professional practice standards for all members. Only individuals licensed by Engineers and Geoscientists BC are permitted to undertake and assume responsibility for engineering and geoscience work in BC.

# THE PATHWAY TO YOUR P.GEO.

The Geoscientist-in-Training (GIT) category of membership is for people who have completed their education and are working towards obtaining the required four years of work experience in order to obtain their Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) designation.

While registering as a GIT is not required, it can help bridge the gap between your post-secondary education and professional licensure, and provides access to systems and resources that streamline your application for your P.Geo. designation.

When you register as a GIT, you will:

- Gain the right to a restricted title. Only registered GITs can refer to themselves as such. Many companies require junior employees to possess or be eligible for GIT status.
- Gain access to members-only systems and programs. Take advantage of our employment and mentoring resources, and build your network by participating in local events and volunteer opportunities.



# HOW TO APPLY

To become a GIT, you must:

- Graduate with an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) from a four-year, full-time bachelor's program in geoscience (geology, earth science, environmental geoscience, or similar).
- Complete the self-evaluation checklist/course equivalency list for your discipline of application. Syllabi can be found on the Engineers and Geoscientists BC website.
- Complete an application online at [egbc.ca](http://egbc.ca).
- Provide proof of citizenship. This must be certified by a professional engineer, geoscientist, or notary to verify your identity.
- Request official transcripts for all post-secondary institutions you have attended. The transcripts must be sent to us directly by the post-secondary institutions.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. How do I use the geoscience syllabi/course equivalency lists?**

- A. Our geoscience syllabus lists the topics that are required knowledge in a particular discipline and a self-assessment checklist. To apply to become a GIT or P.Geo., you must have the required courses in your discipline. Use the checklist throughout your post-secondary education to compare the requirements to the courses you plan on taking.

**Q. How long does the application process take?**

- A. It will take at least three weeks to review and approve an application. If you do not meet the academic requirements, you may be assigned examinations, in which case the process will be extended.

**Q. What does it cost?**

- A. The application fee is \$472.50. This fee is waived for first-time applicants who apply within 12 months of graduation. Once enrolled as a GIT, an annual membership fee of \$232.05 applies.

**Q. Should I be employed when I apply?**

- A. You can apply at any time. You do not need to be employed in order to apply or maintain your GIT status.

**Q. Do I need to be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident?**

- A. No. Anyone can apply.

**Q. Can I transfer my Student Membership to GIT Membership?**

- A. If you are a current or previous student member, use your existing account information to begin your application for GIT status. For every year that you were a student member, \$12.50 will be credited towards your first annual GIT membership fee (up to a maximum of \$50).





# I'M A GIT. WHAT'S NEXT?

Once you're a GIT, you can begin filling in the Geoscience Work Experience template.

When you are reporting your experience, keep the following tips in mind:

- Co-op and pre-graduation work (taken after your second year of university) can count towards your work experience, to a maximum of 12 months.
- International experience can count if it is relevant geoscience work, and occurred under the supervision of a professional recognized by Engineers and Geoscientists BC.
- Record your experience soon after you gain it and consult your supervisors to ensure they will validate that experience. You will still have time to make changes; your experience will not be reviewed by Engineers and Geoscientists BC until you apply for your P.Geo. designation.

- You will need four references who have first-hand knowledge of your work. These individuals will validate your experience and your readiness for professional licensure. At least one reference must be a direct supervisor and should share the same discipline of practice you are applying for. Colleagues, clients, and consultants may count as references.

Once you've completed all the required education and work experience, you can apply for your P.Geo. designation. Your P.Geo. designation allows you to take full, independent responsibility for professional geoscience work.

To complete your application, you will need to:

- Take the Professional Engineering and Geoscience Practice in BC online seminar.
- Write the Professional Practice Exam. This can be taken at any time, but most applicants take it within the two years following graduation.



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