



REGISTRATION POLICY

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS, OR PERSONS IN A REFUGEE-LIKE SITUATION

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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 ensure administrative fairness by allowing provisions and reducing financial hardship for refugees, displaced persons, and persons in a refugee-like situation who are unable to obtain or provide traditional documentary evidence.

POLICY

All Applicants who are designated refugees or are in a refugee-like situation (Affected Applicants) must provide a certified copy of their refugee claimant document to Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (the Organization) for verification.

All Affected Applicants who, for a valid reason and despite their best efforts, cannot provide originals or copies of qualification documents, will be afforded the opportunity to provide alternate means of proof. The Credentials Committee will determine whether any alternate means of proof satisfy the requisite standards and are sufficiently comparable to documentary evidence in usual applications to proceed with the Affected Applicant's application.

All Affected Applicants will be assessed and assigned equivalent requirements whether traditional documentary evidence or acceptable alternate means of proof have been provided. Except as detailed in this policy, applications from Affected Applicants will be handled by Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia staff and the Credentials Committee in the same manner as the usual stream of applications.

This policy is not intended to fetter the discretion of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee has discretion to control its own processes with respect to the appropriate documentation and evidence submitted as alternative means of proof.

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE MEANS OF PROOF

1. Academic documents such as transcripts, proof of graduation, course descriptions, and translations.

In lieu of providing academic documentation directly from the Affected Applicant's institution(s) of graduation, certified copies of authenticated academic documentation from a trusted third party, or copies of academic documentation whose authenticity is verified by a statutory declaration by the Affected Applicant, the following will be accepted as equivalent:

- a detailed description in the Affected Applicant's own words of their academic qualifications, including: listing the institution attended, the coursework completed, the date of graduation/date of conferral, and all other details relevant to their academic criteria, with available supporting evidence, if any. The Organization may provide an academic checklist to assist the Affected Applicant and examiners;
- a statutory declaration by the Affected Applicant that the description provided accurately reflects the education they have completed;
- verification by Organization staff using available resources, including third-party corroboration by trusted certifying bodies and institutions; and
- attendance at an interview by the examiner and an interviewer versed in the academic programs claimed (e.g., a Registrant educated in the country in which the education was gained), with a positive recommendation from the interviewers on the authenticity of the education claimed.

Should relevant academic documentation become available at a later date, the Affected Applicant must contact the Organization and submit the documentation for review.

2. Proof of experience, competency, and validations.

All Applicants are required to complete a competency self-assessment and have it validated. If an Affected Applicant is unable to arrange Validators, the following may be considered:

- a successful interview with Registrants practising in a similar field of engineering or geoscience; or
- a method of qualification decided by the Credentials Committee.

3. Proof of identity.

In lieu of providing verified copies of identification documents (i.e., if the originals are unavailable for verification purposes), the following may be accepted:

- unverified copies of identification documents and a statutory declaration by the Affected Applicant that the documents are true copies of the originals; and
- a certified copy of the Affected Applicant's Refugee Protection Identity Document, or a certified copy of another identification document which the Credentials Committee considers sufficient to verify the Affected Applicant's identity for considering the application.

Should the original identification documents become available at a later date, the Affected Applicant must submit verified copies for review.

FINANCIAL ACCESSIBILITY

Pursuant to s. 6.7 of the Bylaws, an Affected Applicant can submit a written request to the Registrar to exempt, reduce, defer or refund all or part of a fee or special assessment specified in Schedule C of the Bylaws.

RELATED POLICIES

- Experience Validators
- Use of Statutory Declarations

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.