



REGISTRATION POLICY

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST

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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 promote clarity of the decision-making process and uniformity in assessing the academic qualifications of Applicants who graduated from a geoscience program/institution that is not covered by a Mutual Recognition Agreement entered into by Geoscientists Canada and recognized by Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (the Organization).

To ensure that Applicants for professional geoscience (P.Geo.) registration have attained a sufficient level of geoscience theory and principles as provided through academic study.

POLICY

Applicants for P.Ge. registration must fall into one of the pools to meet the minimum academic requirement.

1. Registrant Elsewhere in Canada

Hold registration or licensure as the equivalent of a P.Ge. In Good Standing with a Regulatory Authority for geoscience in another jurisdiction in Canada¹.

2. Registrant in a Jurisdiction with Mutual Recognition Agreement with Canada

Hold registration or licensure as the equivalent of a P.Ge. In Good Standing with another organization with which Geoscientists Canada has negotiated a Mutual Recognition Agreement, that is recognized by the Organization.

¹ If an Applicant meets the academic requirements as a Registrant elsewhere in Canada, the Credentials Committee still considers regulatory and disciplinary history in the other jurisdiction as part of its Bylaw s. 5.6(4)(c)((ii) evaluation of good character and good repute.

3. University-level Bachelor's Degree Program

Graduation from a program that is the equivalent of a four-year full-time university-level bachelor's degree in applied science, engineering, geoscience, science, or technology; and successful completion of a program of qualifying examinations assigned by the Organization following a detailed examination of academic credentials relative to the applicable Geoscientists Canada Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada that have been adopted by the Board and the Credentials Committee (the Committee).

- a. The Applicant must not be deficient in more than nine requirements from the discipline-specific self-evaluation checklist.
- b. Examinations may be waived by the Committee if the Applicant successfully completes equivalent courses that are pre-approved by the Organization.
- c. Examinations may be waived if the Applicant has not failed any examinations assigned by the Organization or any other Canadian jurisdiction and is able to demonstrate a minimum of seven years of acceptable, post-graduation geoscience experience.
- d. An Applicant must complete an examination within seven years of having it assigned. This is the case unless the Committee determines that good and sufficient reason is presented to allow an exception.

4. Special Consideration:

Special Consideration may be given by the Committee to an Applicant who does not meet the formal education requirements listed above, but:

- a. is generally recognized as being an expert in a geoscience subspecialty; or
- b. has provided satisfactory evidence of being particularly well-qualified in a discipline of geoscience as judged by the depth and breadth of academic education plus geoscience experience.

Special Consideration is limited to Applicants who appear as isolated and exceptional cases based on their combined education, experience history, competency-based reporting, and validations.

An Applicant may not request for their application to be assessed under Special Consideration; eligibility must first be determined by the Committee before the Applicant will be assessed under Special Consideration. The Committee may grant an optional interview, and exemption from examinations or a special examination assignment may be considered. The final registration decision will be made by the Committee.

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 an Applicant has demonstrated the minimum academic requirements for registration as a P.Geo.

RELATED POLICIES

- Dual Registration as a Professional Engineer and a Professional Geoscientist
- Inter-Provincial/Territorial Mobility

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

VERSION HISTORY

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