



Frequently asked Questions

1. I am a landed foreign trained engineer / geoscientist. What is the first step in order to get my academic credentials assessed for registration purposes?

The assessment of your academic credentials is the first step towards registration with APEGM.

How do I apply to get my academic credentials assessed?

To apply to get your credentials assessed you will need to complete the assessment application form and provide all of the required documentation.

2. Do I have to be a permanent resident of Manitoba in order to have my credentials assessed?

No, you do not have to be a permanent resident of Manitoba; you may begin the assessment process while you are obtaining your Canadian citizenship.

3. Can I apply for the assessment of my academic credentials while I am in another country?

Yes, you can submit the complete assessment application together with the assessment fee before you arrive in Manitoba.

4. I cannot obtain the syllabus from the university I attended. What do I do?

APEGM recommends that you type each course description from memory, send it to your university and request your university to stamp or seal each page as being accurate and correct.

5. I need to have my documents notarized and or translated. Where Can I go for this?

International Centre
2nd Floor, 406 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2M2
Phone: (204) 943-9158 Fax: (204) 949-0734
Email: info@international-centre.ca

6. What happens after I apply?

After you have submitted the application form along with all the documents required, the application is reviewed.

The assessment may result in: (a) you being considered academically qualified, (b) confirmatory examinations assigned to confirm your academic background, (c) a proficiency examination program assigned to fill in gaps in your program.

7. Can I perform Engineering/Geoscience work while my application is being processed?

Yes, you may perform Engineering/Geoscience work as long as you are working under the direct supervision of a registered professional Engineer or registered Professional Geoscientist who takes full responsibility for your work.

8. Why are Engineers/Geoscientists required to be registered with APEGM?

According to the terms of the Engineering and Geoscientific professions Act of Manitoba, A person may neither work as a professional Engineer or professional Geoscientist, nor assume any title implying that he or she is a professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist, until that person becomes a registered member of this Association.

9. How does a technologist become registered with APEGM?

You may apply for the assessment of your academic qualifications as long as you have sixteen years of formal education, normally including a bachelor's degree in engineering or a related field (e.g. chemistry, physics, agriculture etc.)

Technologists who graduated from a two-year program are not eligible to apply for the assessment of their academic qualifications.

10. Do I have to become registered with the Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba (CTTAM) first before applying to APEGM?

No, you do not have to become a member of CTTAM first. You can apply to APEGM for the assessment of your academic qualifications at any time.

11. Is a three year engineering related degree from a Canadian College/University eligible for assessment?

The duration of the education, in terms of hours per day, days per year, etc., should be equivalent to the 12 years of grade school and the three or four years at university typical of the Canadian education system.

Sixteen years of formal education, normally including a bachelor's degree in engineering or a related field (e.g. chemistry, physics, agriculture, etc), is the minimum academic achievement required by an engineering applicant for consideration by the Academic Review Committee.

Fifteen years of formal education, normally including a bachelor's degree in geoscience or a related field (e.g. chemistry, physics, geography, etc.) is the minimum academic achievement required by a geoscience applicant for consideration by the Academic Review Committee.

12. What is a Canadian Geoscience Assessment?

Applicants who hold a four-year degree (Honours, Major and Specialist degrees in Geology or Geophysics) from Canadian Universities or equivalent three-year degrees from Quebec universities shall submit a Canadian Geoscience Assessment. All other geoscience applicants must submit a full Assessment of Academic credentials.

13. What is the difference between confirmatory examinations and proficiency examinations?

Confirmatory Examinations

Confirmatory Examinations are assigned from the appropriate syllabi when there is a degree of comfort that the academic credentials of the applicant appear to meet the minimum requirements for registration or where deficiencies are related to the issue of depth versus breadth of degree. Confirmatory exams confirm that a candidate has taken and understands the subject matter at a level satisfactory to the Academic Review Committee.

Proficiency Examinations

Proficiency Examinations are assigned from the appropriate syllabi to test the knowledge of the applicant in those areas in which there seems to be a significant deficiency when compared to the appropriate syllabus/syllabi. Proficiency Examinations are usually assigned to cover perceived areas of weakness. Three attempts at each examination are permitted. As Proficiency Examinations are intended to add to the knowledge of the individual, substitution by formal education through Academic Review Committee-approved equivalent courses, is encouraged.

Successful completion of Proficiency Examinations is confirmation that the applicant has rectified the deficiencies in his or her academic background, and the date of academic qualification is normally the date of completion of the last examination.

14. What is IEEQ and How can I apply?

The Internationally Educated Engineers Qualification Program (IEEQ) provides a route for immigrants with engineering credentials obtained outside of Canada to meet part of the licensing requirements for professional engineering practice in Manitoba.

Engineering graduates who go through the Assessment process and are assigned five (5) or fewer confirmatory exams are eligible to apply for the IEEQ program. The program is administered by the University of Manitoba and consists of matching exams assigned to courses available at the university. The IEEQ program offers a comprehensive syllabus which consists not only of the matched courses, but a course on Law and Ethics, Canadian culture in the workplace and a co-op work term placement.

15. Is a degree through correspondence accredited?

No. Degrees obtained through correspondence are not accredited.

16. Can I take courses in lieu of examinations assigned?

Yes, you can take equivalent University of Manitoba courses in lieu of assigned examinations. You must first ask the APEGM office to send you a list of equivalent courses and then submit a letter asking permission to take the equivalent courses.

17. Are online courses / correspondence courses acceptable?

Online and correspondence courses are not acceptable.

18. Where can I get the Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment?

Winnipeg English Language Assessment and Referral Centre (WELARC)
4th floor, 275 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2B3
Phone: 204-943-5387
Email: info@welarc.net

Call 943-5387 for an appointment. They can answer questions about how long the assessment will take, and what documents you should bring with you.

19. How long will it take to go through the assessment process before I become registered as a Professional Engineer or Professional Geoscientist?

This will depend on how many examinations you are asked to write. The Academic Review Committee allows applicants six months for each examination assigned. Therefore, if you are assigned to write four exams you must complete the exams within two years. Anybody assigned 12 exams must complete the exams within six years.

20. What happens after I have passed the required exams or courses?

After successful completion of the assigned exams or courses you would be eligible to apply for Member-in-Training (MIT) membership and an application form will be sent to you along with the Professional Practice Test.

While you are enrolled as an MIT you will submit supervisor report forms giving details of your work experience. You will stay an MIT member until the Experience Review Committee is satisfied that you have obtained the required four years of acceptable work experience (one year of which must have been obtained in North America).

21. What is the Professional Practice Test (PPT)?

The Professional Practice Test is a test which requires you to read and understand APEGM's Act, Bylaws and Code of Ethics. The test is open book and is completed at home. The pass mark is 90%, however, if you don't pass, you can request another copy of the test and re-write it. You have up to three chances.

22. How long do I have in order to complete the examination program?

It is expected that applicants complete one examination per sitting (i.e. every six months). Applicants who do not complete examinations in a timely manner will be warned to complete the program and failure to do so will result in the file being closed.

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