

What is it?

Foreign Credentials assessment is the process of verifying that the education, training and job experience obtained in another country are equal to the standards established for Canadian professionals.

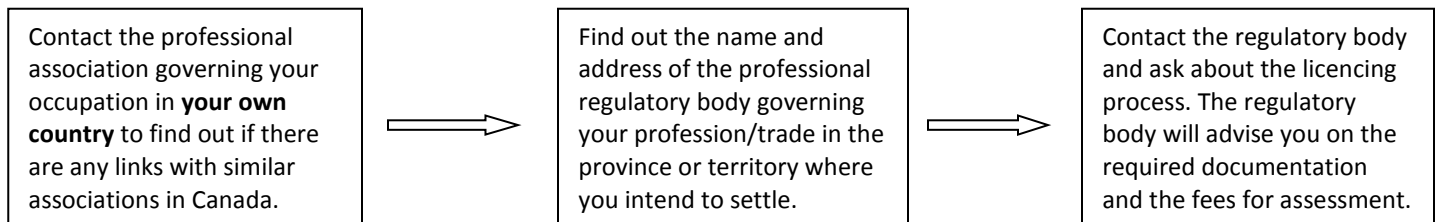
How can I get my foreign credentials assessed and recognized?

The answer depends on the following situations:

- You are planning to **study in Canada**: You should contact the university or the college to which you are planning to apply since university and college registrars are authorized to perform their own credential assessments.
- You are planning to **work in Canada**: Find out whether your chosen occupation is **regulated** or **non-regulated** in **the province or territory** you intent to settle. Some occupations are regulated in certain provinces and are not regulated in others.

If you want to work in a **regulated occupation**:

A **“regulated” occupation** is one that is controlled by provincial or territorial law and governed by a professional organization or regulatory body. If you want to work in a regulated occupation, you must have a licence or certificate from the responsible body. The regulatory body has the authority to set entry requirements and standards of practice, to assess applicants’ qualifications and credentials, to certify, register or licence qualified applicants, and to discipline members of the profession. Requirements for entry, which may vary from one province to another, usually consist of professional and language exams and a period of supervised work experience.

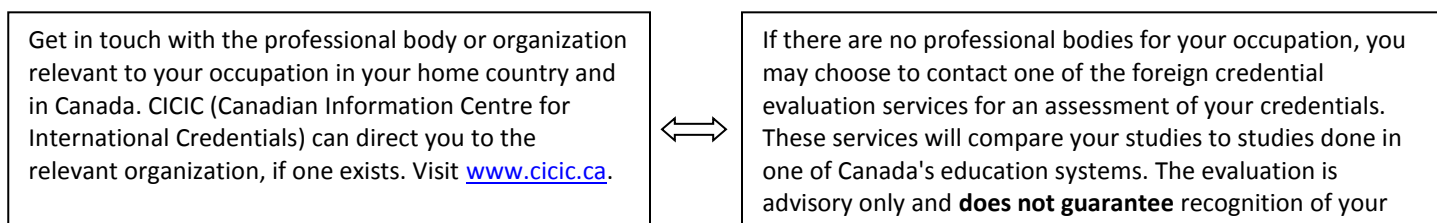


For more information on foreign credentials assessment, visit:

- Foreign Credentials Referral Office website at www.credentials.gc.ca
- Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials website at www.cicic.ca
- Ontario Immigration website at www.ontarioimmigration.ca

If you want to work in a **non-regulated profession**:

A **“non-regulated” occupation** is a profession/trade for which there is **no legal requirement or restriction** on practice with regard to licences, certificates or registration. Most occupations in Canada are non-regulated. For a non-regulated occupation, assessment and recognition of your credentials, work experience and skills are normally at the discretion of the employer. You need to demonstrate to your potential employer that you possess the experience and training required by the job. Some non-regulated occupations do have **voluntary** professional bodies. Some of these organizations may offer certification courses and registration, which can help you find work.



Which occupations are regulated in Ontario?

22 health professions and 17 non-health professions are regulated in Ontario. The Ontario Immigration website offers more information about these professions including contact information for regulatory bodies. The Office of the Fairness Commissioner works with the regulated professions in Ontario to ensure that they have registration practices that are transparent, objective, impartial and fair. Visit www.fairnesscommissioner.ca.

Regulated Non-Health Professions

- Agrology
- Architecture
- Certified General Accounting
- Certified Management Accounting
- Chartered Accounting
- Early Childhood Educator
- Forestry
- Geoscience
- Insurance Broker
- Land Surveying
- Law
- Professional Engineering
- Real Estate Agent
- Social Work and Social Service Work
- Teaching
- Veterinary Medicine

Regulated Health Professions

- Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- Chiropractic and Podiatry
- Chiropractic
- Dental Hygiene
- Dentistry
- Dental Technology
- Denturism
- Dietetics
- Massage Therapy
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Medical radiation Technology
- Medicine- Physician or Surgeon
- Midwifery
- Naturopathy
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Opticianry
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Respiratory Therapy

What are the Foreign Credential Evaluation and Assessment Services in Ontario?

There are three evaluation services in Ontario that adhere to the *General Guiding Principles for Good Practice in the Assessment of Foreign Credentials* and the Recommendation on *Criteria and Procedures for the Assessment of Foreign Qualifications* adopted under the 1997 Lisbon Recognition Convention. Please note that although these services offer expert advice on how educational qualifications obtained abroad compare with educational credentials obtained in Ontario, the evaluation is **advisory only** and **does not guarantee** recognition of your qualifications. However, it will assist employers in understanding your academic background. These agencies charge a fee for their services.

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