

Resources for Higher Levels (CLB 5-8): Foreign Credential Recognition

The foreign credential recognition process is daunting! Here is a quick overview of the steps required with links to more info.

Step 1: Is my profession regulated or unregulated?

Regulated professions are subject to provincial and/or federal laws and require licensure with a provincial regulatory body. For a list of regulated professions and their licensing bodies:

- *List of British Columbia Regulatory Authorities*
<http://www.tilma.ca/pdf/BCRegulatoryAuthorities.pdf>

For info on professional associations in regulated and unregulated professions:

- *Professional Associations in BC*
<http://www.cicic.ca/en/profess.a.spx?sortcode=2.19.21.21#BritishColumbia>



Step 2: Do I need to have my credentials assessed?

Credential assessment can be costly and may not always be needed - students should check with their professional association or other organization.

- *BCIT's International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES)*
Evaluates foreign credentials and determines comparable levels in British Columbia and Canadian terms
<http://www.bcit.ca/ices/>

Step 3: What support is available to me to help with this process?

- *Skills Connect for Immigrants*
Help with credential assessment and partial funding for skills upgrades, professional association memberships, etc.
<http://www.welcomebc.ca/skillsconnect>
- *Foreign Credential Recognition Loan Project with S.U.C.C.E.S.S.*
\$1,500 to \$15,000 loans at a low interest of Prime + 1%
<http://www.fcrloan.ca/>






Step 4: Do I need any of my documents translated?

ICES requires that all documents submitted for credential recognition be translated into English if not already in English or French. For certified translators in Canada:

- *Society of Translators and Interpreters of British Columbia*
Tel: 604-684-2940, Fax: 604-684-2947
Email: stibc1@stibc.org Website: <http://www.stibc.org>

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Quick List for Common Professions:

Profession	Professional Association	Resource for Internationally Trained Professionals
Accountants 	<p>As of January 2013: Chartered Professional Accountants of BC (CPA): http://bccpa.ca/</p> <p>Note: CGA-BC, CMA-BC, and CA have signed a merger to become CPA.</p>	<p>Note: Due to merger to CPA, this info may not be up-to-date.</p> <p>Accountants coming to Canada http://www.accountantstocanada.org/Pages/en-ca/Default.htm</p> <p>Info for internationally trained accountants http://www.becomeacaincanada.ca/</p>
Engineers and Geoscientists 	Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (APEGBC) http://www.apeg.bc.ca/	Online Resource for Internationally Trained Engineers and Geoscientists http://www.apeg.bc.ca/iteg/index.htm
Pharmacists 	College of Pharmacists of BC http://www.bcpharmacists.org/	Info on becoming a pharmacist in BC http://library.bcpharmacists.org/E-Registration_Licensure/E-2_Pharmacist/5027-RegInfo_IPG.pdf
Physicians 	College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC https://www.cpsbc.ca/	Registration https://www.cpsbc.ca/for-physicians/registration-licensing UBC International Medical Graduates Residency Program http://postgrad.familymed.ubc.ca/residency/
Registered Nurses 	College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) https://www.crnbc.ca/Pages/Default.aspx	Registration for International Nurses https://www.crnbc.ca/Registration/RNApplication/InternationalEN/Pages/Default.aspx