A Guide to the International Credentials Recognition Act

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The *International Credentials Recognition Act (Act)* improves international credential recognition by increasing efficiency and ensuring transparency and accountability.

WHO DOES THE ACT HELP?

- Regulatory authorities are responsible for assessing credentials, issuing professional licences, and setting standards for their professions.
- The Act requires regulatory authorities to be fair, efficient and transparent in their international credential recognition processes.
- There are **18 regulatory authorities** in scope for the Act, impacting **29 certifications**.
- The Act applies to applications submitted by internationally trained professionals to one of the listed 18 regulatory authorities after July 1, 2024.
- If a certification is not included under this Act, it may be under another Act:
  - Healthcare: BCHealthCareers.ca
  - Skilled Trades: SkilledTradesBC.ca

WHAT CHANGES CAN APPLICANTS EXPECT?

The Act impacts the credential assessment process for internationally trained applicants by:

- Removing Canadian work experience requirements.
- Establishing standards for fair application processes.
- Ensuring information about international credential assessment is on the regulatory authority's website.
- Holding regulatory authorities accountable.

WHAT IS GOVERNMENT'S ROLE?

- The Superintendent for International Credential Recognition is responsible for:
  - Overseeing international credential recognition by the regulatory authorities
  - Ensuring regulatory authorities comply with the Act
  - Promoting fair, efficient and transparent credential assessment processes
  - Addressing systemic or general matters that create barriers to credential recognition
- Regulatory authorities are responsible for determining the knowledge, skills and competencies required to obtain a certification and for complying with the Act when conducting credential assessments. That means establishing fairer, faster and more transparent processes.

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REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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REGULATORY AUTHORITY	CERTIFICATION
Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC	applied science technologist
	certified technician
Architectural Institute of BC	architect
Association of BC Land Surveyors	land surveyor
BC College of Social Workers	registered clinical social worker
	social worker
BC Financial Services Authority	associate real estate broker
	managing real estate broker
	real estate representative
BC Institute of Agrologists	professional agrologist
	technical agrologist
BC Registered Music Teachers' Association	registered music teacher
BC Society of Landscape Architects	landscape architect
Chartered Professional Accountants BC	chartered professional accountant
College of Applied Biologists	applied biology technician
	professional biologist
	registered biology technologist
College of Veterinarians of BC	veterinarian
Early Childhood Educator Registry	early childhood educator
	early childhood educator assistant
Teacher Regulation Branch	conditional teaching certificate holder
	professional teaching certificate holder
Engineers and Geoscientists BC	professional engineer
	professional geoscientist
Forest Professionals BC	registered forest technologist
	registered professional forester
Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board of BC	emergency medical assistant, including paramedics
Law Society of BC	lawyer
Society of Notaries Public of BC	notary public

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