



Academic Credential Evaluation

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Educational requirements differ for every profession and trade, and there are a number of different organizations that assess someone's schooling to ensure it meets Ontario's standards.

Each regulatory body in Ontario decides how to assess an applicant's academic credentials. Some educational institutions and occupational regulatory bodies have their own academic assessment processes. Some use the services of a Credential Assessment Service. Before you apply to a professional regulatory body for licensure or certification, check with them about their requirements and how they assess academic credentials. Each regulated occupation sets its own requirements for assessment and recognition, usually through the **provincial or territorial professional association or regulatory body**. (In some cases, there are federal requirements for recognition.) **You should be aware that the recognition process is different for each profession/trade in Ontario. It can be a costly and time-consuming process; so it is important that you obtain all the information you need to know about the process and specific requirements before undertaking an assessment.**

For a **non-regulated occupation**, requirements for employment can vary from very specific to very general. You may be expected to demonstrate a certain level of skill and competence, to have completed a certain number of years of education, and even to have personal characteristics suitable for the job. Since provincial or territorial law does not regulate these requirements, it is up to the **employer to decide** whether your qualifications earned outside Canada are equivalent to Canadian credentials required for the occupation. Because registration and certification may be available for certain non-regulated occupations, some employers will require, as a condition for employment, that applicants be registered or certified by the relevant professional association.

There is no single process in place for the assessment of qualifications for purposes of entry into non-regulated occupations. However, there are several ways an applicant can try to facilitate the process for a potential employer. Get in touch with the association or organization relevant to your occupation in your home country and in Canada. Find out about the procedures recommended for an assessment of your qualifications. Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) can direct you to the relevant organization in Canada, if one exists.

Contact employers in your area of work experience to find out what the general expectations are for employment in Canada.

Contact one of the evaluation services listed below for an assessment of your credentials. Although these services offer **expert advice** on how qualifications obtained abroad compare with credentials obtained in a Canadian province or territory, the evaluation is advisory only and **does not guarantee** recognition of your qualifications for employment or certification purposes in Canada. However, it will assist employers, post-secondary institutions, and professional bodies in understanding your academic background. Please note that these agencies charge a fee for their services.

Credential Assessment and Qualification Recognition Services:

The following organizations perform evaluations of foreign educational qualifications. Some of them focus on evaluations for the purpose of employment rather than for further **education**. Keep in mind that if an evaluation for an employer is prepared, it will not necessarily follow the same format as an evaluation prepared for an educational institution. These organizations charge a **fee** for their services, and the process they follow may vary. Be sure to obtain instructions from the school you would like to attend before choosing one of these services.

World Education Services (WES) - Canada

This service will provide objective assessments of foreign earned degrees and diplomas at the secondary and post secondary levels. The Ontario Provincial Government awarded WES to perform evaluation services.

Mailing Address: 2 Carlton Street, Suite 1400
Toronto, ON M5B 1J3

Telephone: (416) 972-0070 (Canada only)

Fax: (416) 972-9004

Email: canada@wes.org

Website: www.wes.org/ca

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Comparative Education Service (CES) At the University of Toronto

The University of Toronto's Comparative Education Service evaluates academic credentials obtained outside Canada. A Canadian educational institution may or may not accept this evaluation for the purposes of admission.

Address: Comparative Education Service (CES)
University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies
158 St. George Street
Toronto, ON M5S 2V8

Telephone: 416-978-0393

Email: ces.info@utoronto.ca

Website: www.learn.utoronto.ca/ces

International Credentials Assessment Service (ICAS) of Canada

ICAS evaluates credentials from all levels of schooling for both employment and educational purposes. Their Web site provides information on fees and the evaluation process as well as an application form. Below at **main office in Guelph application packages can be picked up and also help is provided with submitting your document.**

Address: ICAS of Canada
100 Stone Road West, Suite 102
Guelph ON N1G 5L3
Phone: (519) 763-7282 or 1-800 321-6021
Fax: (519) 763-6964
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