

Internationally Educated Applicant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. What category should I apply for?

Please review the information on the Institute's website to determine which category you should apply for. There is specific information for each [registration category and the educational requirements](#).

2. I have a degree, does this alone meet the education [requirements for a Professional Agrologist \(PAg\) application](#)?

For all PAg applications, applicants are required to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and all relevant academic transcripts are required to be submitted (see below for transcript information) to the Institute. You must provide course descriptions in English as part of the application package. This information is used by the Institute to verify proof of degree(s) earned, that required courses have been successfully completed and the Credentials Committee determines relevance of learning in agrology. Ultimately it is the committee that determines the final decision.

3. I have a diploma, does this along meet the education [requirements for a Technical Agrologist \(TAg\) application](#)?

For TAg applications, applicants are required to have a minimum of a diploma, and all relevant academic transcripts are required to be submitted (see below for transcript information) to the Institute. You must provide course descriptions in English as part of the application package. This information is used by the Institute to verify proof of diploma(s), degree(s) earned and that required courses have been successfully completed and the Credentials Committee determines relevance of learning in agrology. Ultimately it is the committee that determines the final decision.

Note: applicants with a degree(s) can apply to be a PAg if the minimum educational requirements are evident. Please review information on the Institute's website regarding the educational requirements for PAg.

4. If I received my degree(s) or diploma outside of Canada, what education or academic information do I need to provide to the Institute?

For applicants with credentials outside of Canada, the Institute requires:

- a) A course-by-course education/training credential assessment from a recognized credentialing service, such as [WES](#), [ICES](#), or [IQAS](#) that includes official transcripts sent directly to the credentialing service provider by the issuing educational institution. The final report must be provided to the Institute directly from the recognized credentialing service.*
- b) Course descriptions in English provided by the applicant and uploaded in the application package. If needed, any credential evaluation services provide translation along with the assessment of the credential.*

The above are required to:

- Confirm that international education/training (i.e. degree, diploma, certificate) and associated courses are accepted as an international credential(s) recognized and the equivalent to Canadian education/Training; and*

- *Assess that courses taken and submitted in an application meet the Institute's minimum educational requirements for the registrant category that the applicant has applied for.*
- 5. If I have provided these documents previously to another organization or government body, such as part of a permanent residency application, can I supply the document(s) myself to the Institute?**
No. For Internationally trained applicants, the Institute requires the document(s) to be sent directly from a recognized credentialing service to the Institute as part of the application process. The report must be a comprehensive course by course evaluation to be accepted by the Institute.
- 6. Must I live in British Columbia to register with the Institute?**
*The BC Institute of Agrologists does not have a British Columbia residency requirement, and we treat all applicants the same regardless of where they were educated, trained and/or where they work or live yet please note that there are provincial agrology institutes across Canada therefore if located outside of British Columbia consider registering with another agrology institute depending on where in Canada you are **working in the practice of agrology.***
- 7. Can related work experience from outside of Canada be used in the application?**
Work experience from any location can be used in an application, as long as it is post degree/diploma, and meets the practice of agrology as defined in the [Agrologists Regulation](#).

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the office.