

Qualification Requirements for Authenticating Professionals under the Transition Period Directive for Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta

As outlined in the Transition Period Directive for Professional Responsibilities in Completion and Assurance of Wetland Science, Design and Engineering Work in Alberta, professional experience gained prior to registration with a Professional Regulatory Organization will be accepted as contributing toward the five year experience requirements, provided that the conditions listed in Table 1 are met.

Individuals who do not meet the requirements outlined herein and wish to act in the capacity of an authenticating professional remain subject to the full set of requirements found in the Practice Standards and the expectations of the relevant Professional Regulatory Organization.

Applications for consideration should include proof that all required conditions are met. Applications must be submitted electronically to:

- AEP.Wetlands@gov.ab.ca

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	Requirements
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Professional status in good standing with one of ten Professional Regulatory Organizations identified in the Section 4.4.1 of the Practice Standards • The individual must have registered between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2018
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A declaration statement from the individual claiming competency, for one or more of the following authentication points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wetland Assessment and Impact Report ○ Replacement design and monitoring plan ○ Validation ○ Verification <p>For Example: I, <i>(insert name here)</i>, declare that I am competent to authenticate <i>(choose from above; i.e. Wetland Assessment and Impact Reports)</i> by virtue of my experience and education as outlined herein.</p>

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter of recommendation from at least one authenticating wetland professional that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes an endorsement of the individual’s competencies ○ Addresses the five year environmental practical work experience and the three year practical wetland experience requirements (the three year requirement may be part of the five year requirement)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy or approval number of an approved wetland-specific regulatory application made under the Alberta Water Act. There must be demonstrable proof that the individual under review was accountable for the application • Applications made under either the Alberta Wetland Policy or the Interim Policy will be accepted. However, applications made under the interim wetland policy will be subject to additional review <p>**Some aspects of wetland work did not, in the past, require a regulatory authorization (e.g. restoration plans). In these cases, AEP will accept supporting, relevant documentation of wetland projects outside of regulatory submissions</p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resume that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clearly demonstrates five years of post-degree practical environmental experience, and three years of practical Alberta wetland experience (the three year requirement may be part of the five year requirement) ○ Includes employer names, dates of employment terms, and position descriptions

Following a review, AEP will contact the individual to confirm the results of the review. If the individual has successfully met the requirements listed herein, AEP will add the individual to a database, which will be shared with the relevant Professional Regulatory Organization.