



Internationally Educated Applicants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Which category should I apply for?

To help you determine which category you should apply for please review information on the College's website and complete the College's free online [Applicant Self-Assessment Tool](#) (ASAT). The College's [Credentialing Standard](#) provides specific information on the streams for each category that you can apply for. For internationally educated applications you will be applying under streams 2, 3 or 4.

2. Does the stream for the category I apply for affect my designation? For example, if I apply through stream 1 for Registered Professional Biologist (RPBio) is it a different designation than stream 2?

No. If you apply to be an RPBio, Registered Biology Technologist (RBTech) or Applied Biology Technician (ABT) and are approved, your designation is the same regardless of what stream you applied through. Stream 1 applicants still undergo an education assessment however, it is modified as applicants have completed their education through a College accredited program. In practice, this means the institution/education provider has ensured their specific program has met the educational requirements for that category.

3. If I completed an accredited program for registration with the College for one designation (e.g., RPBio), can I apply through the accredited program stream for another designation?

No. If you are applying for a different registration category than what your program has been accredited for -- such as RBTech from an accredited RPBio stream 1 program -- you will need to 1) review the category requirements and 2) apply through the non-accredited program (stream 2) and also. Each registration category has different requirements and completing an accredited program for one category does not mean that you meet all the educational requirements for another category.

4. I have a degree (e.g., Bachelors, Masters or Doctor of Philosophy) does this alone meet the education requirements for a Registered Professional Biologist (RPBio) application?

No. All RPBio applications are required to have a bachelor's degree and meet the course requirements. These requirements are detailed in the RPBio/BIT checklist, Guidelines for RPBio/BIT Course Assessment and the Credentialing Standard.

Note: if your bachelor's degree program was different (e.g., a 3 year program) than the standard North American 4 year program please provide any supplemental information from the institution which shows/demonstrates your courses meet the College's 2nd year or higher course requirements. Applicants with a degree(s) can also apply to be a Registered Biology Technologist (RBTech).

5. I have a diploma does this alone meet the education requirements for a Registered Biology Technologist (RBTech)?

No. All RBTech applications are required to have a bachelor's degree and meet the course requirements. These requirements are detailed in the RPBio/BIT checklist, Guidelines for RPBio/BIT Course Assessment and the Credentialing Standard.



Note: Applicants with a degree(s) can also apply to be a RBTech. Please review information on the College's website and in the [Credentialing Standard](#) and also take the College's free online [Applicant Self-Assessment Tool](#) (ASAT).

6. **If I got my degree(s) or diploma outside of Canada or the United States, what education or academic information do I need to provide to the College?**

You need to provide course descriptions in English in your application and submit 2 sets of official transcripts to the College by a recognized credentialing service such as [WES](#), [ICES](#) or [IQAS](#) and the institution where you earned your degree/diploma:

- 1) One set official transcripts that is a credential evaluation (e.g., course by course evaluation) from a recognized credentialing service such as [WES](#), [ICES](#) or [IQAS](#) and sent directly to the College's [Regulatory Officer](#); and
- 2) A second set of official transcripts that have been translated into English from the institution sent directly to the College's [Regulatory Officer](#). Most academic institutions provide an official transcript translated into English. If they do not then the transcripts must be translated into English by a certified translator and sent directly to the College's [Regulatory Officer](#).

The College does not accept official transcripts from third parties (e.g., My eQuals, MyCreds)

The College requires both sets of transcripts for the following reasons:

- Documents (e.g., official transcripts etc.) from recognized credentialing service such as [WES](#), [ICES](#) or [IQAS](#) confirm that your degree/diploma and associated courses are accepted as an international credential(s);
- Official Transcripts in English are required so that during the academic assessment the courses, titles, etc. and institutions grading scale and other information can be used to evaluate the courses you have/will submit meets the College's academic/education requirements for the category you are applying for.

Note: applications that do not provide both sets of official transcripts as described below will not be processed until the above requirements have been met.

7. **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 College?**

No. The College requires the document(s) to be sent directly from the institution, recognized credentialing service and/or translation services to the College as the College's application process is a completely separate process and the standards for all applicants and their applications are the same including but not limited to providing official transcripts from the institution directly to the College.