


# Ethics Committee Report

In 2016, the Ethics Committee was primarily focused on developing and testing the new **Online Ethics Course** and exam. After beta testing by several committee members, we were excited to launch the course in August 2016. As of the end of December, 223 people had registered for the course. Of those, 127 have completed the course and the exam. Course feedback has been positive to date! The following summarizes a breakdown of the category of members who have registered for the course.

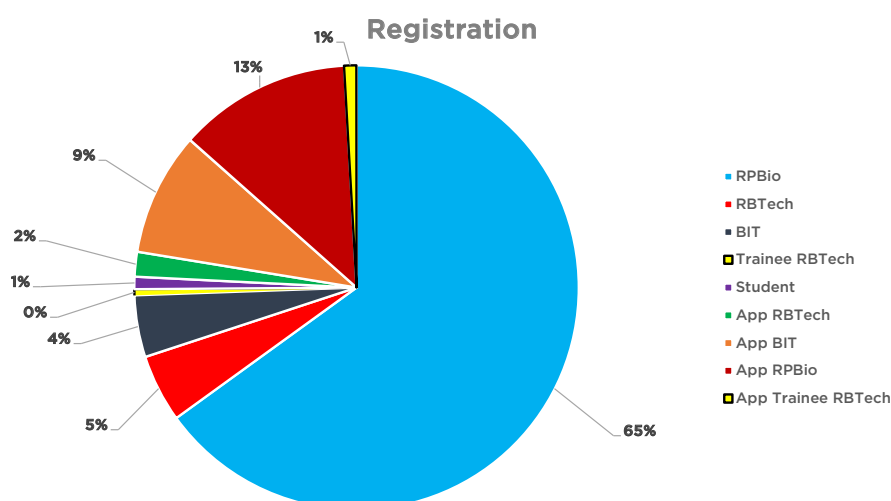
For those of you yet to complete the Ethics Course and exam, please note that failure to meet this requirement within the stipulated timeframe will result in your membership being revoked, after which you would have to reapply to once again become a member of the College in good standing.

Steve Gordon, RPBio, former Chair of the Ethics Committee, led the completion of much of the work for the development of the course

before I took over as Chair in March 2016. Thanks to Steve Gordon, RPBio; Dr. Vanessa Craig, RPBio; David Hughes, Lay Councillor; Linda Michaluk, RPBio; Derek Marcoux, RPBio; Geoff Wickstrom, RPBio; and Wayne Wall, RPBio, for your contributions. Staff also contributed numerous hours to ensuring the course rolled out smoothly – a huge thanks to Registrar, Linda Stordeur, RPBio.

Committee efforts in the coming year will focus on the continued drafting of a conflict of interest document. 

Respectfully submitted,  
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Completion of the Ethics Course is now a pre-requisite for membership with the College: all new Professional Biologist, Technologist, and Technician applicants, including In Training applicants in each of these categories, must complete the course in order to become a member. As of the beginning of September, only half of the new applicants approved for membership have completed the course. Prior to this, members had a 3-year period to complete the course. Current members who have not completed the course (prior to the above requirement) have until the end of February 2017 to complete the course. There are many of you out there running out of time (see Table 1)!

Table 1: Breakdown of Membership Categories Showing Outstanding Numbers of Members Required to Complete Ethics Course by February 28, 2017.

	Needs to complete by February 28, 2017	Registered	Accessed	Passed Ethics Module	Passed Exam
RPBio	379	169	118	97	95
RBTech	38	18	16	15	13
Totals	417	187	134	112	108