

Action Plan: Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors (AMLS)

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In response to the Fairness Commissioner's recommendations, the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors proposed the following action plan as of June 2013.

OMFC Recommendations	Action Plan	Status as of May 2016
<p>That AMLS review and revise its assessment and registration process, including its academic requirements to realize a fairer, more accessible and timely pathway to licensure.</p>	<p>Background:</p> <p>The current academic requirements are the same in 8 out of ten Provinces with only Quebec and Ontario having different evaluation regimes. Quebec requires a degree in Geomatic Engineering from Laval University which is essentially the same as having a CBEPS certificate (this is an engineering degree granting programme), which Manitoba Requires. Ontario evaluates candidates on a competency based evaluation which is as rigorous as obtaining a CBEPS certificate. This competency based evaluation system was established by the Ontario Land Surveyors Association with the help of the Ontario government and required an investment of several hundreds of thousands of dollars as well as significant resources. This system allows for a different way to assess candidates but is shown to be no shorter in duration.</p> <p>The AMLS Professional Registration requirements are entrenched in the Land Surveyors Act Chapter L60. Changes to this process will require amendment to the Legislation. The professional article time is currently two years under the supervision of a registered Manitoba Land Surveyor with an examination requirement at the end of this article period, which involves six written examinations and one oral interview. This process allows the candidate the core knowledge necessary to practise Land Surveying in the Current Manitoba Property Rights System.</p>	
	<p>Action Plan:</p> <p>The AMLS has presented a new Land Surveyors Act to the Government which will allow for flexibility in our registration process. This flexibility will allow for alternative evaluations of candidates such as exemptions from Professional exams based on Prior Knowledge gained by the applicant in a specific area of expertise. The new Act will also allow our Association to comply with existing Labour Mobility Legislation.</p> <p><i>May 2016 Update:</i> <i>The new Land Surveyors Act came into force on March 31, 2016. New by-laws have been made in accordance with the new Act. The AMLS website is currently being updated to reflect changes brought about by the new Act. Licensing and registration by virtue of The Labour Mobility Act is formalized (See sec. 13(1)(b) and 14(2)(b) of the Act).</i></p>	<p> March 2016</p>
	<p>The board of examiners of the AMLS have been asked to review specific policies for the assessment and examination of foreign-trained candidates that recognizes previous work experience.</p> <p><i>May 2016 Update:</i> <i>All persons wishing to be registered as a Manitoba Land Surveyor must first provide a Certificate of Completion from the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors. That Board assesses and certifies the academic qualifications of applicants. (See https://cbeps-cceag.ca. For information related to foreign trained professionals, see https://cbeps-cceag.ca/foreign-trained-professionals.)</i></p> <p><i>In accordance with the By-laws:</i> <i>15.1 All persons applying for admission as a Land Surveyor in Training shall submit a written application to the AMLS Board of Examiners accompanied by:</i> <i>a) a summary of all academic education and training, together with an official transcript of marks in respect of any post-secondary school education;</i> <i>b) a certified copy of a diploma or degree in geomatics technology, geomatics engineering or equivalent;</i> <i>c) a resume of relevant training and experience that the applicant has;</i> <i>d) a Certificate of Completion from the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors;</i> <i>15.4 The AMLS Board of Examiners shall assess the application and all accompanying information and either approve or reject the application.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to fairness and accessibility to licensure, there is flexibility in</i></p>	<p> March 2016</p>

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	<p><i>assessing the time required as noted in the following:</i> 15.11 <i>The minimum term of the internship shall not be fixed but shall be based on the candidate proving sufficient experience and competency in areas identified by the Board of Examiners.</i></p>	
	<p>It is also recognized that better information on registration requirements have to be presented to applicants. This relates to both the academic and professional requirements. The AMLS is currently in the process of revamping its website where a section dedicated to Foreign trained professionals will better set out the process, and provide details on costs and time frames that candidates can expect.</p>	<p>✓ November 2013</p>
	<p>The AMLS is also working closely with the CBEPS (Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors) to make material required for the academic exams readily available to all candidates. A study guide for several subjects is being developed to better assist candidates.</p>	<p>✓ August 2013</p>
	<p>Courses that are eligible for exemption at Red River College are being presented to CBEPS on an ongoing basis and AMLS works closely with Red River College in this endeavour to provide a local venue of expertise where Foreign Trained candidates can gain academic exemptions from a local school while being employed in the industry.</p>	<p>✓ August 2013</p>
	<p>In addition more and more courses that qualify for academic exemptions are being offered online from educational institutes in Canada. AMLS will provide links to these courses and will direct candidates to these courses through our website.</p>	<p>✓ January 2013</p>
	<p>Assistance to foreign-trained applicants in the form of a mentor who will guide the applicant in obtaining the local knowledge required to practise Land Surveying will be investigated. This will supplement the existing articles, which the applicant serves under a Manitoba Land Surveyor and will help bridge the gap for candidates to allow them a better understanding of the Manitoba Property Rights System.</p> <p><i>May 2016 Update:</i> According to sec. 15.22 of the By-laws: A Land Surveyor in Training shall submit to the AMLS Board of Examiners a learning plan which identifies: <i>b) the Manitoba Land Surveyor who will be the primary mentor to the intern;</i> <i>c) relevant training and experience that the intern has;</i> <i>d) how the intern and the mentor will undertake to obtain the experience and the skills required to address the examination material and to engage in the practice of land surveying;</i> <i>e) a minimum number of months, in which the intern and mentor propose to have the intern involved in the practice of land surveying in the field;</i> <i>f) a minimum number of months, in which the intern and mentor propose to have the intern involved in office procedures related to the practice of land surveying;</i></p>	<p>✓ March 2016</p>