



Association of the
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of Alberta

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All contributions are welcome from the members for consideration in the monthly bulletin. Please have submissions into the ACPA Office prior to the 15th of each month.

Message from the Office - Renewals

Renewal Notices have been sent, if you have not received yours please contact the office. If you have any changes to your contact information please let the office know as soon as possible. You can send any updates to [ACPA Office](mailto:acpaoffice@pchem.ca). Reminder that your membership dues are due by January 31, 2009.

Please Ensure your contact information is up to date!!!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in Calgary on Saturday 9th May 2009. Plan to attend!



Chemists Rings

Members can order rings to be presented at the 2009 AGM. Approximately 60 days are required to create the ring. Your ring will be delivered to the next ACPA Annual General Meeting held in May 2009. For more information please see the [website](#)

Steps for Becoming a P.Chem.

Lately the Association has been facing a number of questions from members and applicants as to the proper procedures and the requirements for becoming a Professional Chemist. These procedures depend on your current status.

New Applicant for P.Chem.

A new applicant for P.Chem. status must submit the following items to our office for review by the Registration Committee.

- Completed application form indicating that the applicant is applying for full membership "P.Chem." status.
- The \$25 non-refundable application fee. At this time do not send in any money for annual dues. If you are accepted as a member you will then be billed for your dues.
- A current resume clearly demonstrating that you have the minimum required chemistry-related work experience. You must have a minimum of two years of chemistry-related work experience, of which one year must be in North America, in order to be eligible for full membership. If you have less than this amount of work experience, but still meet the other requirements, you may be eligible for Chemist in Training (CIT) membership.
- A copy of your degree. The copy may be a photocopy, however the original must be viewed by your guarantor, and then the guarantor must sign the copy certifying that it is a true copy of the original document. As stated on the application form, the guarantor must be a registered professional or a member of the clergy. Registered professionals include, but are not limited to, Professional Chemists, Professional Engineers, Professional Biologists, Professional Geologists, Professional Agrolgists, Chartered Accountants, and the like.
- Academic transcripts for your degree. If the degree itself specifically indicates that it is a degree in chemistry, and is from a major Canadian or American university the requirements for transcripts may be waived. However, if the degree does not specifically state that it is in chemistry, or if it is from a smaller institution or a foreign institution, transcripts will almost always be required. If you are in doubt, it is best to send the transcripts to minimize delay in the review of your application.
- Any other supporting documentation you think may support your application. In almost all cases the above documentation is generally sufficient, however there may be exceptions. We do not generally need letters of reference from previous employers unless they are specifically requested by the Committee.



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CIT Becoming a P.Chem.

Once a CIT has obtained sufficient work experience to transfer to a full membership P.Chem. the applicant should submit the following documentation to our office for review by the Registration Committee.

- A letter indicating that the applicant has now met the work experience requirement for P.Chem. membership and requesting that their membership be upgraded to full.
- A current resume reflecting the updated work experience.

Student Member Becoming a CIT

Once a student member graduates with their degree they must apply for upgraded membership. In most cases the graduate will not have the required work experience to be immediately eligible for full membership, but should be eligible for CIT membership. The student member must apply as per the requirements listed in the above "New Applicant for P.Chem." section, with the exception that they do not have to submit the \$25 application fee since they are already setup in our system.

For all categories, the application documents are reviewed by the Association's Registration Committee that meets approximately every 6 weeks to review all received applications. This committee is currently chaired by Dr. Frank Bachelor. The applicants are generally contacted by email within a week following the meetings to inform them of the status of their application. If the applicant is successful the email will indicate their membership category. Please note that **only full "Professional Chemist" members are entitled to use the "P.Chem." designation.** Full members will all receive a wall certificate and a stamp indicating their membership status, although this may take up to 3 months after being accepted as a full member. People using the "P.Chem." designation when they are not entitled to are potentially subject to legal prosecution. If you are in doubt as to whether you are eligible to use the designation please contact our office.

Courses of Interest

Privacy Legislation

Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry is running several free courses on "Understanding Privacy Legislation. <http://infosharing.gov.ab.ca/home/index.cfm>

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards available online

CSA, in collaboration with all Canadian government departments responsible for occupational health and safety (OHS), has begun the *View Access* two year funded pilot project to make CSA's OHS standards publicly available in view-only format

- View CSA standards referenced in federal, provincial and territorial OSH regulations
- See what applies in Alberta by viewing CSA standards referenced in Alberta's OHS Code
- Standards relating to chemical health and safety may be of particular interest to chemists

View Access can be accessed directly at CSA's portal, <http://ohsviewaccess.csa.ca/> or by visiting the Work Safe Alberta website at www.worksafely.org



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Job Posting

Attention Employers and HR Professionals!

Job advertisements are posted on the Website for a three-month period and e-mailed to the membership. There is a \$100 fee for this service; the fee is waived for job advertisements submitted by a Professional Chemist or Chemist-in-Training (members in good standing) on behalf of their organizations. Ads may be e-mailed directly to the [ACPA Office](#).

Current Job Postings listed at www.pchem.ca.

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