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Educational credential assessment

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What is an ECA

An Educational credential assessment (ECA) is used to verify that your foreign degree, diploma, or certificate (or other proof of your credential) is valid and equal to a Canadian one.

There are different types of ECAs. You need to get an ECA **for immigration purposes**. If you got another type of ECA, you may be able to get it re-issued, depending on the type of ECA and/or issuing organization.

You must include your ECA report and the reference number in your Express Entry profile.

Your ECA report may help when you're looking for a job, but it **doesn't** guarantee that:

- you'll get a job in your field, or at a certain level
- you'll get a license to practice in a regulated profession (job)

If you plan to work in a regulated job, you must get your license in the province or territory that you plan to settle in.

Who needs an ECA

If you completed your education **outside Canada**, you need an Educational credential assessment (ECA) to:

- be eligible as the principal applicant for Federal Skilled Workers Program (Express Entry), **or**
- earn points for education you got outside Canada

You can also earn points for your spouse or common-law partner's education, if they are coming with you to Canada.

You **don't** need an assessment for a **Canadian** degree, diploma or certificate.

To earn points, your report must show that your completed foreign credential (degree, diploma or certificate) is **equal to a completed** Canadian secondary school (high school) or post-secondary credential.

How long your ECA is valid for

Your ECA must be **less than 5 years** old when you:

- complete your Express Entry profile, and
- submit your application

▼ If you've been invited to apply

Make sure your ECA will still be valid when you plan to apply.

▼ If you haven't been invited to apply

Make sure your ECA is valid for the rest of the time you'll be in the pool.

If your assessment will expire before you can apply, contact the organization that issued it. They may re-issue it, depending on the type of ECA and/or the organization.

If you apply with an expired ECA, we'll refuse your application.

Get an ECA

Which credentials to get assessed

In most cases, you only need an assessment for your **highest level of education**.

For example, if you have a Master's degree, you only need an assessment for that degree. You don't need one for your Bachelor's degree.

▼ When to get an assessment for 2 or more credentials

To get points for having 2 or more credentials, you need an assessment for **each one**.

To get full points for more than 1 credential, at least 1 of the credentials must be for 3 or more years of study.

The order that you complete your credentials does not affect points.

▼ When to get your secondary education assessed

If your post-secondary credential is not equal to a Canadian credential, you could get your secondary credential assessed. This would get you points for completing secondary school.

Who can do your assessment

You must get your assessment from an organization or a professional body designated by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. They will give you a report that tells you what your education is equal to in Canada.

Processing times and costs may vary by organization or professional body.

Once you choose a designated organization or a professional body, they will tell you how to submit your documents to get your assessment.

▼ Designated organizations

Most people must use one of these designated organizations:

Organization	Date designated
<u>Comparative Education Service – University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies</u>	April 17, 2013
<u>International Credential Assessment Service of Canada</u>	April 17, 2013
<u>World Education Services</u>	April 17, 2013
<u>International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)</u>	August 6, 2015
<u>International Credential Evaluation Service – British Columbia Institute of Technology</u>	August 6, 2015

▼ **Designated professional bodies**

If your primary occupation is as an **architect**, **doctor** or a **pharmacist**, you must use a designated professional body based on your occupation.

► Architects (NOC 21200)

► Specialists and family physicians (NOC 31100, NOC 31101 or NOC 31102)

► Pharmacists (NOC 31120)

Submit your report

1. Enter the results and the reference number into your Express Entry profile.
2. Keep your original documents.
3. Be ready to upload copies if we invite you to apply for permanent residence.

► If you have 2 or more credentials

How many points you'll get based on your report

This table contains a full list of possible results for an educational credential assessment report. It shows how many points you can earn under the:

- [Comprehensive Ranking System](#)
- [Federal Skilled Worker Program selection factor points](#)

Use this table to find the result on your report and see what it's equal to.

1. Select the points system you would like to see.
2. Enter your result in the “**Filter items**” field. As you type in the words, the table will adjust to display possible matches.

3. Choose the assessment result that matches your report.
 4. The level of education for your Express Entry profile and points will show beside the result.
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Select a points system:

Comprehensive Ranking System

Federal Skilled Worker Program factor points









See points

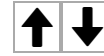
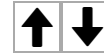
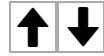
Comprehensive ranking system

Filter items

Showing 1 to 10 of 152 entries

Show entries

Assessment result (Canadian equivalency)  	Level of education for Express Entry profile  	Points awarded (with spouse)  	Points awarded (without spouse)  
Applied Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's degree or other programs (three or more years) at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	112	120

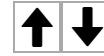


Applied Bachelor's
degree with a focus in
[area of
concentration]

Bachelor's
degree or
other
programs
(three or more
years) at a
university,
college, trade
or technical
school, or
other institute

112

120



Associate Degree

Two-year
degree,
diploma or
certificate
from a
program at a
university,
college, trade
or technical
school, or
other institute

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98

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Associate of [Arts/Science] degree	Two-year degree, diploma or certificate from a program at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	91	98
Bachelor of Laws	<u>Professional degree needed to practice in a licensed profession</u>	126	135



Bachelor of Science in
Pharmacy degree

Professional
degree
needed to
practice in a
licensed
profession

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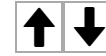
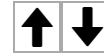
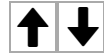
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Bachelor of
Technology degree
with a focus in [area
of concentration]

Bachelor's
degree or
other
programs
(three or more
years) at a
university,
college, trade
or technical
school, or
other institute

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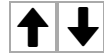


Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's
degree or
other
programs
(three or more
years) at a
university,
college, trade
or technical
school, or
other institute

112

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Bachelor's degree
(four years)

Bachelor's
degree or
other
programs
(three or more
years) at a
university,
college, trade
or technical
school, or
other institute

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Bachelor's degree (three years)	Bachelor's degree or other programs (three or more years) at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	112	120

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