



Association of the Chemical Profession of Ontario
Association des chimistes professionnels de l'Ontario

Membership Requirements

A) Categories

There are three categories of membership available for the ACPO:

1. Full Member of the ACPO:

These are individuals who have satisfied the formal requirements of the Association and are eligible to call themselves Chartered Chemists and to use the abbreviation C. Chem. after their names;

2. Associate of the ACPO:

These are individuals who are working as chemists, or in chemistry-related fields, and are in the process of fulfilling the formal requirements for membership;

3. Affiliate of the ACPO:

These are student members currently studying chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering in an accredited university program.

B) Qualifications/Requirements

Individuals who possess the following academic qualifications or training and experience may be admitted as members:

1. An Honours undergraduate degree, or its equivalent from an accredited university program in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, or the Chemical Sciences, plus **two years** of work experience acceptable to the Association. Post-graduate training will be credited as equivalent to work experience.
2. Other academic qualifications, e.g. a three-year undergraduate degree with a major in Chemistry, extensive work experience (minimum **5 years**), and a record of professional competence in the chemical field as evidenced by publications or patents.
3. Individuals who have at least **six years** of acceptable experience in the chemical field, but who do not possess the above academic qualifications, may qualify for membership by passing the Graduate Record Examination®, Chemistry Section.
4. In special cases, the Board of Examiners may present individuals to the Council for consideration based on their exceptional contributions to the science of chemistry as recognized by their peers.