

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

ASTTBC has made changes to the registration requirements outlined in the ASTTBC bylaws as well as registration procedures that will result in new registration processes for all new Applied Science Technologists (AScT) and Certified Technicians (CTech), as well as those registrants seeking reclassification (e.g., for a CTech looking to become an AScT).

Please be advised that these changes will come into effect as of January 1, 2024

These new requirements will not apply to those who have current applications with ASTTBC that are completed and submitted prior to January 1, 2024.

The purpose of these changes is to ensure expediency, transparency, objectivity, and fairness in the registration process. Applicants will also still need to demonstrate that they meet all other general requirements for registration, such as good character and English language proficiency.

Establishment of two pathways to registration

The new requirements and procedures establish two pathways to registration: one stream for graduates of programs accredited by Technology Accreditations Canada (TAC) (including those programs with accreditation status through Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB)) and a second stream for those without an accredited education. Please note there will also be a grandfathering period for programs that were treated in practice due to policy or procedures by ASTTBC, as the equivalent of an accredited program in 2023, if that applicant commenced the program prior to January 1, 2024.

The accredited stream will recognize the rigorous assessment that an educational program has already undertaken as part of the accreditation process and therefore only require the applicant to demonstrate that they fulfill the experiential requirements for registration. This will eliminate the need for these applicants to declare and verify each General and Discipline-specific learning outcome (competency) as their education is already deemed to fulfill them.

For the non-accredited stream, applicants will need to demonstrate that their education is equivalent and relevant to an accredited program through an assessment to determine whether a majority of the General and Discipline Specific learning outcomes (competencies) are met. Applicants will then be required to successfully complete a certification exam to demonstrate that they possess all the remaining learning outcomes. The applicant will also need to demonstrate that they fulfill the experiential requirements.

New Work Competency Summaries

Applicants for both accredited and non-accredited streams will need to demonstrate they fulfill the experiential requirements using the work competency summary as a tool to assist.

These discipline specific working competencies will be publicly available prior to the implementation of the new procedures. Applicants will be able to assess their work experience to determine whether they have gained the required experience for registration as a technologist or technician.

The new procedures will give applicants a clear understanding of the requirements for registration as well as the pathway to get there. Anyone with questions about registration may reach out to myself or the registrations staff at registrar@asttbc.org or registrations@asttbc.org, respectively.