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# CANDIDATES WHO HOLD A PROVINCIAL COMMISSION

## General Information

Since August 1, 2011, candidates wishing to obtain a Commission as a Canada Lands Surveyor (CLS) from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS), and who are registered as land surveyors in a Province of Canada were no longer required to attend an examination centre in the Spring or Fall, as well as write and pass 3 three-hour professional examinations pertaining to the CLS areas of practice. For these candidates, the three examinations have been replaced by one four-hour Professional Examination divided into 4 modules which are written online, and which may be written at any time of the year. Each module can be written at different times or one after the other at the choice of the candidate. The on-line system generates exams by random selection of questions from a database that is kept up to date on a regular basis.

**Please note that a labour mobility candidate is required to write the 4 modules within 2 years of their application. If not completed within 2 years of original application, the candidate will have to re-apply.**

## Composition of the Professional Examination

The following are the subjects and time limits of the four modules that form the on-line professional CLS examination:

Acts, Regulations and National Standards for Surveys on Canada Lands: 90 minutes

Property Rights

onshore: 45 minutes

offshore: 45 minutes

Indigenous Topics: 60 minutes

Every module is based on an **80% and 20%** weighting i.e. 80% of the questions shall be related to core elements, and 20% related to non-core elements. The Learning Outcomes for each module outline what are core and what are non-core elements.

The required pass mark for the exam is **70%** of the total marks available for all four modules.

All exams are open book i.e. **printed material** is allowed for the examinations. However, **no electronics (smart phone, tablet, computer, etc.)** are allowed for the examinations.

## Examination Process

### Making the Application

Land surveyors licensed in a Canadian province who wish to become candidates for a Commission as a CLS must complete and submit the application form that is posted on the ACLS Web site, along with the registration

fee. They must arrange to have their home association provide a “Certificate of Conduct” directly to the ACLS. The candidate must hold a license that is not encumbered or restricted in any way within the home association.

Candidates become a student member of the ACLS automatically when they become a CLS candidate. Once the ACLS has received the application form, the copy of the licence or commission, the “Certificate of Conduct” letter from the home association, and the registration fee, the candidate is eligible to write the ACLS Professional Examination.

## **Invigilation**

The Invigilator chosen by the candidate cannot be a relative or an employee of the same firm as the candidate, or a business colleague. The Invigilator must be a Canadian professional surveyor and must provide an affidavit to the ACLS before being accepted as an Invigilator. Similarly, the location chosen to write the examination cannot be the home or the business premises of the candidate. A suggestion for an Invigilator would be a business competitor and a suggested location would be his/her business premises. Another suggestion is the office of a surveying association where the writing of the examination can be supervised.

The invigilator will provide a computer with Internet connection for the candidate to write the exam.

## **Persons Admitted to the Examination Room**

No person other than the invigilator and the candidate will be admitted to the room while the candidate is writing an exam.

Candidates are required to sign a confidentiality agreement before starting to write any exam. It will be provided by the invigilator just before the start of any exam.

## **Unauthorized Conduct**

The sharing of questions and/or answers between candidates, or the use of any unauthorized material during the examination, is not allowed under any circumstances. If the exam requires the candidate to provide one or more sketches, the Invigilator is responsible for scanning the sketch(es) using a colour scanner and e-mailing them to the ACLS office.

## **Applying to Write an Examination**

After a person has been accepted as a candidate for a Commission, it is the responsibility of the candidate to apply to write an examination(s) and to pay the examination(s) fee. The application form is available at <https://www.acls-aatc.ca/forms-non-members/>. Note that the application form requires that the candidate specify the name of the person who will be invigilating the examination and the location where the examination will be written.

Candidates will need to email the ACLS at [board@acsls-aatc.ca](mailto:board@acsls-aatc.ca) to be issued a username, password and link to access the examination site. Do not click on this link before the time set with your Invigilator for the start of the exam. This information will be provided by an e-mail. Upon issuance of the username and password, the candidate has the following 30 days within which to write the examination.

## **Writing an Examination**

The online examination is a live Web page and a space is provided after each question for the candidate to enter an answer.

Each answer must be confined to the question asked. Marks will be deducted where a single answer is requested, and the candidate gives a number of possible answers for the question.

Candidates must bring the following to the examinations in case they have to draw one or more

sketches:

- Coloured pencils (at least 3 colours)
- Straightedge and scale

For examination questions that require them, candidates are to supply their own electronic calculators. Calculators used are to be handheld and battery operated. The use of electronic translators or smart phones (iPhone, Blackberry, Samsung, Huawei, etc.) is not allowed. The Invigilator may inspect any calculator brought for the examination and may forbid use of those which do not meet the requirements of this section.

To begin the examination, candidates must click on the Internet link shown on the e-mail and log into the examination site using the provided username and password. This must be done in presence of the Invigilator.



**Examination for Admission as a Canada Land Surveyor**

**Examiner's Note:** The purpose of this exam is to assess the candidate's understanding of the topic and not to assess the candidate's ability to write out sections of Acts, Regulations, Rules or other written materials. Please answer in your own words.


When you are ready to begin the exam, please fill in the login information supplied to you and then click the Start Exam button.

**Note:** Once the exam process has started, you will have a set amount of time to complete it.

Username  Password

Once the candidate clicks on the “**Start Exam**”, button the next window shows the title of the exam module, how many questions and how many have been answered at any time. The clock countdown begins as soon as the candidate clicks on an examination module title. The remaining time left is displayed at the top of the screen.

In some cases, questions may have an attachment. This will be clearly indicated under the answer space by an icon with the note: “**View Attachment**”.



EN Time Remaining: 1 hours, 29 minutes, 42 seconds 35 Points

Main Page  
(Click on a Section to Proceed)

Sections	Answered / Total
<a href="#">1 - Acts &amp; Regulations</a>	0 / 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0 / 6</b>





EN

Time Remaining: 1 hours, 28 minutes, 13 seconds

35 Points

[Previous Section](#)

[Up](#)

[Next Section](#)

### Section 0 - Acts & Regulations

Answered 0 / 6 Questions

1) Under the Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act where territorial lands are not hay lands or lands suitable for grazing or muskrat farming, what is the maximum area in acres that may be leased to any one person without the approval of the Commissioner in Executive Council?

( 5 Points )

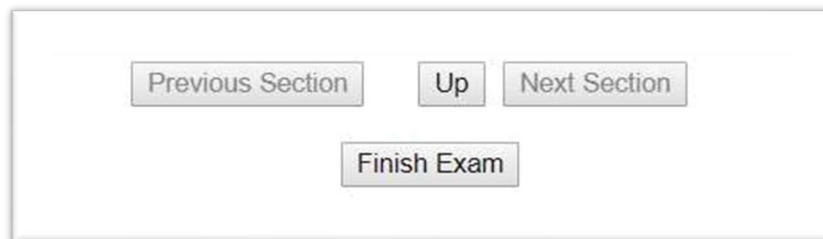
The system allows the candidate to switch from one language to the other just by clicking on icon at top left of the screen.

Some questions require that a sketch be submitted, or a candidate may wish to provide a sketch to further clarify his or her answer. At the end of the Examination, the candidate must indicate, at the top of the sheet of paper containing the sketch, the user name provided by the ACLS, the date of the writing of the exam and the applicable question number and give it to the Invigilator. The Invigilator is responsible for scanning the paper using a colour scanner and for e-mailing it to the ACLS Examination Administrator who will attach it to the appropriate question of the examination.



A few questions in the database have multiple choice questions. The system shows the answers in a random order. So, candidates may see a list that does not follow the alphabetic order.

When all questions have been answered, the candidate will click on “Finish Exam” at the bottom of the exam page. Note that at the end of the time limit set for the module the examination is automatically closed and be submitted.



The following window is then displayed, asking the candidate to confirm the submission of the exam.



The screenshot shows a web interface for the ACLS-RATC exam. At the top, there is a logo for the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS-RATC) featuring a stylized mountain range and a red maple leaf. Below the logo, the text reads "ACLS-RATC Association of Canada Lands Surveyors Association des Arpentiers des Terres du Canada". A red banner across the middle contains the text "Acts, Regulations and General Instructions for Surveys Exam" on the left and "Logout" on the right. Below the banner, the text "Exam Submission Confirmation" and "Time Remaining: 01:22:35" is displayed. A question "Are you sure you want to submit this exam for final grading?" is followed by two buttons: "Return To Section List" and "Submit Exam for Grading and Log Off".

ACLS-RATC  
Association of Canada Lands Surveyors  
Association des Arpentiers des Terres du Canada

Acts, Regulations and General Instructions for Surveys  
Exam

Logout

Exam Submission Confirmation  
*Time Remaining: 01:22:35*

Are you sure you want to submit this exam for final grading?

Return To Section List   Submit Exam for Grading and Log Off

Followed by the following confirming that exam module has been submitted.

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When you are ready to begin the exam, please fill in the login information supplied to you and then click the Start Exam button.

**Note:** Once the exam process has started, you will have a set amount of time to complete it.

Username  Password  Start Exam

**\*\* You successfully submitted your exam and have been logged out \*\***

## Marking the Examination

The examination will be marked by one or more members of the Association's Board of Examiners or by one or more Special Examiners. The results of the marking will be provided to the candidate as soon as possible according to availability of examiners. The pass mark for the Professional Examination is seventy percent (70%) of the total value of marks for the total of the 4 modules which comprise the examination.

## Appeals

A candidate may appeal to the Association for a review of an examination result provided a notice of an intent to appeal is received within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the result and the written appeal is received within another thirty (30) days. The appropriate fee for an appeal must be submitted along with the appeal. The Association will respond to the appeal within 30 days of receiving the written documentation.

## Re-writing Examinations

A failed examination may be re-written by submitting a new application and paying the examination fee.

### First Attempt:

The examination will be made available within a maximum 30 calendar days of receiving the completed application.

### Second Attempt:

The examination will be made available within a maximum 30 calendar days after the appeal period for the first

attempt expires, or if the right to appeal is waived by the candidate within a maximum of 30 calendar days following receipt of the notice waiving the right to appeal.

**Third and Subsequent Attempts:**

The examination will be made available within a maximum 90 calendar days after the appeal period for the previous attempt expires, or if the right to appeal is waived by the candidate within a maximum 90 calendar days following receipt of the notice waiving the right to appeal.

**Fees**

- a) Application to write the ACLS Professional Examination: \$400.00
- b) Application for an appeal of the results of an examination: \$155.00
- c) Penalty for NSF cheque or declined credit card: \$30.00

*The Board may amend this schedule of fees from time to time.*

**Refunds**

Candidates who have paid the examination application fee and then wish to withdraw from writing the examination before the username and password have been provided to them will receive a full refund of the examination fee. No other refunds will be provided.

**CLS Commission**

The ACLS Board of Examiners will notify the Registrar when a candidate has successfully completed the ACLS Professional Examination and has met any other requirements necessary to be eligible to receive a commission.

**ACLS Licence to Practice**

Once the CLS Commission is issued, the candidate can apply for an ACLS Licence to Practice. The only requirements other than paying the licence fee are the following:

- Is a Regular member of the ACLS
- Provide a recent Certificate of Conduct from the home association
- If not employed by Her Majesty in right of Canada or a province or by an agent of Her Majesty in either of those rights, proof of professional liability insurance where the limit is not be less than \$250,000 for each single occurrence and \$500,000 for all occurrences in any 12-month period.
- Affidavit or statutory declaration for people holding provincial commission.

No proof of experience and no project report are required for those candidates who hold a provincial commission in Canada.

# CLS Professional Examination Learning Outcomes

## A. Acts, Regulations and National Standards for Surveys of Canada Lands

Core elements:

- Canada Lands Surveys Act
- Canada Land Surveyors Act
- Canada Lands Surveyors Regulations
- National Standards
- Indian Act
- Interdepartmental Agreement (NRCan and Indigenous Affairs Canada)
- National Parks Act

Non-core elements:

- Yukon, NWT and Nunavut specific legislation
- Canada Oil & Gas Regulations
- Canada Oil & Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Yukon Act
- NWT Act
- Nunavut Act
- Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Territorial Lands Act
- Territorial Land Use Regulations

This examination is based on the following publications of the Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada:

- [National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands](#) provides Canada Lands Surveyors with the technical standards that apply to surveys undertaken on Canada Lands.
- [Getting a Survey Done](#) provides information on the administrative requirements and procedures for surveys on Canada Lands
- [Surveys, Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands](#) edited by Dr. Brian Ballantyne, a handbook serving as a useful reference for those working on or with Canada Lands
- The new National Standards, which came into force in January 2015, and the publication [Getting a Survey Done](#) replace the [General Instructions for Surveys](#), e-Edition. Exam answers shall be based on the new National Standards.

Candidates should bring with them to the exam a scale, straightedge and two pens or markers of a different colour that may be required for answers requiring sketches. Candidates should also have a calculator suitable for surveying calculations.

## LEGISLATION AND AGREEMENTS

Candidates are required to have knowledge of the following prescribed sections of various federal and territorial acts, regulations and agreements. Candidates are responsible for current legislation related to the prescribed sections that has been enacted and posted electronically 60 days prior to the examination date.

Candidates can find current legislation at websites of the Departments of Justice for Canada, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) website may also be used to find

legislation. Alternatively use Google or other search engines.

[Canada Legislation](#)

[Yukon Legislation](#)

[NWT Legislation](#)

[Nunavut Legislation](#)

[CanLII - Canadian Legal Information Institute](#)

#### Federal Acts and Regulations

[Canada Lands Surveyors Act](#) (ss. 1-9, 19-32, 42-69, 72)

[Canada Lands Surveyors Regulations](#) (ss. 1-15, 23, 25, 26, 29, 39-49)

[Canada Lands Surveys Act](#)

[Canada National Parks Act](#) (ss.1-16)

[Canada Oil and Gas Land Regulations](#) (ss. 1-23, 94-97)

[Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act](#) (ss. 2-4, 14)

[Canada Petroleum Resources Act](#) (ss. 2, 3, 5, 6, 22, 28-30, 32.1, 35, 37)

[Constitution Act, 1982](#) (ss. 1, 2, 25, 28, 30, 32-35, 38. (1), 42-46, 52, 60-61)

[First Nations Land Management Act](#) (ss. 1-7, 15, 16, 18-21)

[Indian Act](#) (ss. 1-10, 18-29, 35-41)

[International Boundary Commission Act](#) (ss. 1-10)

[Northwest Territories Act](#) S.C. 2014 (ss. 2, 18-21, 51-54)

[Nunavut Act](#) (1, 23, 49, 50, Schedule I)

[Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations, CRC, c 1516](#) (ss. 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 11-27, 29-33, 37, 38, 43, 49, 51-58, 59. (4), 75. (1), 88) (repealed; applies to claims staked prior to April 1, 2014)

[Northwest Territories Mining Regulations](#) (ss. 1-6, 23-38, 46, 52, 53, 57-60, 78, 87)

[Nunavut Mining Regulations](#) (ss. 1-6, 23-38, 46, 52, 53, 57-60, 78, 87)

[Territorial Lands Act](#) (ss. 1-5, 8-16, 23, 24)

[Territorial Land Use Regulations](#) (ss. 1-9, 14, 15)

[Territorial Lands Regulations](#) (ss. 1-10, 12)

[Yukon Act](#) (s. 2, 18, 18, 45-48, 54, Schedules 1 and 2)

[Interdepartmental Agreement re Descriptions of Lands for Transactions on Reserve Lands, 2015](#)

#### Yukon Acts and Regulations

[Condominium Act](#) (ss. 1-9, 25)

[Highways Act](#) (ss. 1, 4, 5, 7, 13, 23, 39, 44)

[Land Titles Act](#) (ss 1, 14, 26, 33, 36, 37, 41, 45-48, 51, 67, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77-82, 135, 136, 189.)

[Land Titles Plans Regulations](#)

[Lands Act](#) (ss. 1-4, 7, 8, 14, 19, 21, 22, 31)

[Lands Regulations](#) (ss. 1-8, 20) [Land Use Regulation](#) (ss. 1-8,13,14)

[Municipal Act](#) (ss. 1, 272, 273, 290, 309-325)

[Oil and Gas Act](#) (ss. 1-4)

[Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations](#) (s. 1, 17, 24)

[Oil and Gas Licence Administration Regulations](#) (ss. 1, 32-34)

[Quartz Mining Act](#) (ss. 1, 2, 5, 12-46, 48, 50, 51, 55, 56, 58, 59, 65, 70, 74-76, 78-79, 86-94)

[Placer Mining Act](#) (ss. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 17-31, 34-43, 48, 50, 52, 53, 76, 89, 92, 93, 95, 96, 98)

[Subdivision Act](#) (ss 1-7, 13-22, 26)

[Territorial Lands \(Yukon\) Act](#) (ss. 1-4, 6-14, 21, 22, 29, 30)

[Territorial Lands Regulation](#) (ss. 1-9, 11)

#### Northwest Territories Acts and Regulations

[Commissioner's Land Act](#) (ss 1-4)

[Condominium Act](#) (ss. 1-11, 31)  
[Land Titles Act](#) (ss 1-9, 20, 24, 32, 39, 40, 57, 58, 80-92, 94, 95, 97-105, 176, 196.)  
[Land Titles Plans Regulations](#)  
[Mining Regulations](#) (ss. 1-6, 23-38, 46, 52, 53, 57-60, 78, 87)  
[Northwest Territories Lands Act](#) (ss. 1-4, 6-14, 19, 20, 25, 53, 54)  
[Oil and Gas Land Regulations](#) (ss. 1-22, 92-96)  
[Planning Act](#) (ss 1, 38-48, 49, 54)

Nunavut Acts and Regulations

[Commissioner's Land Act](#) (ss 1-4) [Condominium Act](#) (ss. 1-11, 1)  
[Land Titles Act](#) (ss 1-9, 20, 24, 32, 39, 40, 57, 58, 80-92, 94, 95, 97-105, 176, 196.)  
[Land Titles Plans Regulations](#)  
[Planning Act](#) (ss 1, 38-48, 49, 54)

Textbooks

As discussed above textbooks for this exam are the following publications of the Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada:

[National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands](#)  
[Getting a Survey Done](#)  
[Surveys, Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands](#)

Reference Material:

[ACLS Practice Manual](#)

### **Northwest Territories Devolution**

As of April 1, 2014, in accordance with the Northwest Territories Devolution Agreement and the Northwest Territories Devolution Act, the Government of Canada transferred the administration and control of public lands, resources and rights in respect of waters in the Northwest Territories to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. The Government of Northwest Territories has authority related to the disposition and use of land and resources. The GNWT mirrored 26 federal acts and regulations governing public land, water and resource management in the NWT. All were enacted as territorial legislation on April 1, 2014.

The new territorial mining regulations mirror the federal mining regulations. However, the federal Northwest Territories Mining Regulations will continue to apply to certain specific parcels of federal lands in the Northwest Territories.

Administration of oil and gas rights in Nunavut and the Arctic Offshore remain under federal authority and the responsibility of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. Administration of oil and gas rights in the Northwest Territories which are deemed onshore, as defined by the Northwest Territories Devolution Agreement, are now administered by the territorial government, under the responsibility of the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

[Guide to the new Nunavut Mining Regulations and the Northwest Territories Mining Regulations](#)

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## B. Property Rights

### Property Rights onshore

**Core elements** – land tenure and property rights of onshore Canada Lands:

- Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut Acts
- Yukon, Northwest Territories Land Title Acts
- Territorial Lands Act (NT & Nunavut)
- Territorial Lands Regulations (NT & Nunavut)

Commissioner Lands Act (NT)

- Yukon Lands Act
- Yukon Lands Regulations
- National Parks
- Indian Act

Non-core elements:

- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Yukon, NWT and Nunavut legislation
- Canada Oil & Gas Regulations
- Canada Oil & Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- NT
  - Territorial Dredging Regulations
  - Territorial Land Use Regulations
  - Commissioner's Land Regulations
  - Land Titles Plans Regulations
- Yukon
  - Subdivision Act
  - Condominium Act
  - Land Titles Plans Regulations
  - Placer Mining Act
  - Quartz Mining Act

## **LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS**

Candidates are required to have a good understanding and knowledge of the land tenure and property rights of on-shore Canada Lands.

The textbooks identified below provide the necessary information which should be supplemented with the appropriate sections of the various federal and territorial acts and regulations listed below that are relevant to land tenure and property rights.

Candidates are responsible for amendments related to these acts and regulations that have been enacted 60 days prior to the examination date. Exam answers that are based on more recent amendments will be marked in accordance with those amendments.

Candidates may also find it useful to use the following Websites for accessing the latest versions of acts and regulations:

- for Canada: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/>

- for Yukon: <http://www.canlii.org/en/yk/>
- for Northwest Territories: <http://www.canlii.org/en/nt/>
- for Nunavut: <http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/>

#### Textbooks:

- The new National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands which came into force in January 2015 along with the publication Getting a Survey Done.
- Be sure to check the SGB National Standards web page for addendums for the Standards or Getting a Survey Done to ensure you are using the most up to date information.
- Surveys, Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands, edited by Dr. Bryan Ballantyne published by Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada at:  
<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/sites/www.nrcan.gc.ca/files/earthsciences/pdf/land-surveys/SurveysParcelsTenureCanadaLands.pdf>

#### On-line Course:

Onshore Property Rights course available on GeoEd: <http://www.geoed.ca>

#### References:

##### Federal Acts and Regulations

- Canada National Parks Act
- Canada Oil and Gas Land Regulations
- Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982
- Indian Act
- Northwest Territories Act
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Act
- Territorial Dredging Regulations
- Territorial Land Use Regulations
- Territorial Lands Act
- Territorial Lands Regulations

##### Yukon Acts and Regulations

- Condominium Act
- Land Titles Act
- Lands Act
- Subdivision Act
- Lands Regulations
- Land Titles Plans Regulations
- Placer Mining Act
- Quartz Mining Act

#### Northwest Territories & Nunavut Acts and Regulations

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### **Guide to the new Nunavut Mining Regulations and the Northwest Territories Mining Regulations**

- Territorial Lands Act (NT & NU)
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Commissioner's Lands Act, (NT)
- Commissioner's Land Regulations (NT)
- Land Titles Act (NT)
- Land Titles Plans Regulations (NT)
- Lands Regulations (NT)

### **Property Rights offshore**

Core elements:

- Historical Context
- UNCLOS – geological and legal
- Baselines
- International Bilateral Offshore Boundaries
- Limits
- Jurisdiction

Non-core elements:

- Administration of Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Resources
  - Legislation related to Offshore Oil and Gas
  - Pacific Coast
  - Atlantic Coast -m Nova Scotia
  - Atlantic Coast – Newfoundland and Labrador
  - Northwest Territories and Nunavut
  - Yukon

This examination is based on a good understanding of the following:

Maritime International Law Pre-UNCLOS

- Background to International Law of the Sea
- Historical Development of International Law of the Sea to 1945
- Historical Development of International Law of the Sea from 1945

## United Nations Law of The Sea, 1982 (UNCLOS)

- Introduction
- Baselines
  - Bays and River Mouths
  - Archipelagic Waters
- Internal Waters and Territorial Sea
- Contiguous Zone
- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Continental Shelf
- High Seas
- The Area
- Administration of UNCLOS
- Innocent Passage, Transit Passage, and International Straits
- Marine Scientific Research

## International Bilateral Offshore Boundaries

- Introduction
- Equidistant Lines and Modification by Agreement and Special Circumstances
- The 1958 Geneva Conventions
- The Doctrine of Equity
  - North Sea Continental Shelf Cases and Anglo/French Arbitration
  - United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982
- Judicial Trends in Equitable Boundaries
- Natural Prolongation
- Partial Effect
- Proportionality
- Enclavement
- Other factors

## Determining Offshore Limits, and Boundaries

- Land Based Water Related Boundaries
- Territorial Sea
- Contiguous Zone
- Exclusive Economic Zone
- The Continental Shelf
  - Continental Shelf Typical Situation
  - Continental Shelf Where the Geological Shelf is Greater Than 200 Nautical Miles
- Graphical Methods of Determining and Depicting Offshore Limits
  - Straight Lines
  - Equidistant Lines

## Canada's Offshore Jurisdiction

- Federal Jurisdiction in Canada's Offshore
- Pacific Coast
- Atlantic Coast - Newfoundland and Labrador
- Arctic Coast

## Administration of Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Resources

- Legislation Related to Offshore Oil and Gas

- Pacific Coast
- Atlantic Coast - Nova Scotia
- Atlantic Coast - Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nova Scotia-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Resources Arbitration
- Northwest Territories and Nunavut
- Yukon

#### Textbooks:

Canada's Offshore: Jurisdiction, Rights, and Management, 3rd Edition, Bruce Calderbank, Alec M. MacLeod, Ted L. McDorman, and David H. Gray. Association of Canada Lands Surveyors and the Canadian Hydrographic Association, 2006. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors. The Offshore Property Rights part of the exam covers chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, sections 8.1 to 8.4 of chapter 8 and sections 9.1 to 9.7 of chapter 9.

#### On-line Course:

Offshore Property Rights course available on GeoEd: <http://www.geoed.ca>

#### References:

Canada's Unresolved Maritime Boundaries

David H. Gray, Canadian Hydrographic Service, Geomatica Vol 40 No. 2. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors.

Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

UN Commission on the Continental Shelf.

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/cles\\_new/commission\\_documents.htm#Guidelines](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/cles_new/commission_documents.htm#Guidelines)

The Law of the Sea, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

United Nations, New York 1983.

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_overview\\_convention.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_overview_convention.htm)

A Manual on Technical Aspects of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea – 1982 International Hydrographic Organization Special Publication No. 51. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors. \$70.00

The Canada Petroleum Resources Act

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-8.5/234461.html>

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Implementation Act

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-7.8/233899.html>

The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act

Internet: <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-7.5/233481.html>

Petroleum Operations on the Canadian Continental Margin, The Legal Issues in a Modern Perspective

Gault, Ian T. 1983, Faculty of Law, the University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive, NW, Calgary Alberta. Report No. Fund 56111. ISBN 0919269052

## C. Indigenous Property Rights & Topics

### Core elements:

- Historical Context
- Historic Treaties
- The Indian Act
- Indian Reserve Lands
- Constitution Act of 1982
- Indigenous rights and title
- Section 35 of the Constitution and the Crown's duty to consult
- Land Claims
  - Comprehensive
  - Specific
  - Treaty Land Entitlement
- Modern Treaties
- B.C. Treaty process
- Indigenous Governance including self-government

### Non-core elements:

- Traditional justice systems, sentencing circles
- Idle no more
- Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

This examination is based on a good understanding of the following:

#### History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada

- British colonial policies towards Indigenous peoples
- Royal Proclamation of 1763
- Assimilation (residential schools, 1960 scoop, northern relocations and other assimilation strategies)
- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, 1991-1996 (policy recommendations)  
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada now Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Idle No More movement
- National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

#### Historic Treaties (key features, significance)

- Treaties of Peace and Neutrality (1701 – 1760)
- Peace and Friendship Treaties (1725 – 1779)
- Upper Canada Treaties (1764 – 1862)
- Robinson Treaties (1850)
- Douglas (Vancouver Island) Treaties (1850 – 1854)
- Numbered Treaties 1 – 11 (1871 – 1921)

#### The Indian Act

- Indian Act, 1876 (purpose, main features, criticisms)
- White Paper, 1969 (key proposals, criticisms)
- Bill C-31, 1985 (gender discrimination and amendments to the Indian Act)
- Status Indians (features, benefits) vs. non-status Indians, band membership

## Indian Reserve Lands

- Indian reserves (historic motives, key features, impacts/challenges of reserve system)
- systems of tenure on Indian reserves, collective vs. individual land interests
- First Nations Land Management Regime (features, benefits)
- federal reserve land management, designated lands, leases, permits and licences
- Indian Lands Registry System, First Nations Land Registry System
- distinctions between reserve lands and traditional territories

## Aboriginal rights and title

- section 25 of the Charter and section 35, Constitution Act, 1982
- Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal interests, Aboriginal title, and treaty rights
- key findings and significance of the following court decisions:
  - Calder v. British Columbia (A.G.) [1973] (Aboriginal title)
  - R. v. Guerin [1984] (Aboriginal title and fiduciary duty)
  - R. v. Sparrow [1990] (Aboriginal rights and infringement)
  - R. v. Van der Peet [1996] (determining existence of an Aboriginal right)
  - Delgamuukw v. British Columbia [1997] (determining existence of Aboriginal title)
  - R. v. Powley [2003] (Métis rights)
  - Tsilhqot'in Nation v British Columbia, [2014] (recognizing Aboriginal title)
  - Daniels v Canada, [2016] (affirming Metis right to hunt for food under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982)

## Section 35 and the Crown's Duty to Consult

- Section 35(1) – (4), Constitution Act, 1982
- principle of the Honour of the Crown
- the Crown's duty to consult (what it is and when it is triggered)
- key findings and significance of the following Supreme Court of Canada decisions:
  - Haida Nation v. British Columbia [2004]
  - Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada [2005]
  - Beckman v. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation [2010]
  - Clyde River (Hamlet) v. Petroleum Geo-Services Inc, [2017]
  - Chippewas of the Thames First Nation v. Enbridge Pipelines, [2017]

## Specific and comprehensive claims

- comprehensive claims and specific claims (features, distinctions)
- treaty land entitlement process (specific features)
- processes for settling specific and comprehensive claims
- federal government's Comprehensive Land Claims Policy [1986]

## Modern Treaties (key features, significance)

- James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement [1977]
- Inuvialuit Final Agreement [1984]
- Council for Yukon Indians Umbrella Final Agreement [1993]
- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement [1993]
- Tlicho Agreement [2003]
- Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement [2005]
- Nunavik Land Claims Agreement [2006]
- Yale First Nation Final Agreement [2010]
- Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement [2012]
- Tla'amin Final Agreement [2016]

## BC Treaty process

- six stages of the British Columbia treaty negotiation process
- key features and significance of recent treaties:
  - Nisga'a Final Agreement [2000]
  - Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement [2009]
  - Maa-Nulth First Nations Final Agreement [2011]
  - Tla'amin Final Agreement [2016]

## Indigenous Governance

- band councils and decision-making processes
- traditional justice systems, sentencing circles
- self-government
  - failure of the Charlottetown Accord [1992]
  - Inherent Right Policy [1995]
  - federal government's policy on Aboriginal self-government and implementation
  - self-government agreements – Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Labrador, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia; common characteristics, common issues, agreement(s) with very different features

## **Textbooks**

Jackson, Robert J. and Jackson, Doreen, Politics in Canada: Culture, Institutions, Behaviour and Public Policy, 7th ed., (Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009).

Hogg, Q.C. Peter W., Constitutional Law of Canada, 2013 Student Edition (Toronto: Carswell, 2013). ISBN/ISSN 978-0-7798-5493-6

Isaac, Thomas, Aboriginal Law: Commentary and Analysis (Saskatoon: Purich Publishing, 2012). ISBN 9781895830620

Isaac, Thomas and Fogarassy, Tony (2011). Guide to Aboriginal Law. A chapter of the new Survey Law in Canada book available from the CBEPS Web site at: <https://www.cbeps-cceag.ca/guides-for-sale>

Native Government Issues. A compilation of assorted former textbooks and references. Includes: A History of Native Claims Processes in Canada, 1867-1979. Richard C. Daniel for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Ottawa, 1980; Outstanding Business – A Native Claims Policy, Specific Claims, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa, 1982; In All Fairness A Native Claims Policy, Comprehensive Claims, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa 1981; Comprehensive Land Claims Policy, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa, 1987; The Canadian Indian, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa, 1986. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors.

## **Online Resources**

Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Historic treaties:

- <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1370362690208/1370362747827>
- Summaries of Pre-1975 Treaties:  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1370362690208/1370362747827>
- Comprehensive claims, treaty negotiations and final agreements:  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032291/1100100032292>
- Comprehensive claims Final Agreements:  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100030583/1100100030584>
- General Briefing Note on Canada's Self-government and Comprehensive Land Claims Policies and the Status of Negotiations, April 2013:



- <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1373385502190/1373385561540#s1>
- Federal land management services:  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100034737/1100100034738>
- First Nations Land Management regime:  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1327090675492/1327090738973> and  
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1367432545445/1367432634043>
- Link to Indian Lands Registry System and First Nations Land Registry System (login required): [http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/ilrs\\_public/](http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/ilrs_public/)
- Self-government: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016293/1100100016294> and <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032275/1100100032276>
- Federal government's policy guide to Aboriginal self-government: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100031843/1100100031844>

#### First Nations Studies Program at UBC:

- "Indigenous Foundations": useful resource on Aboriginal history in Canada and various topics: <http://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/home/>

#### British Columbia Treaty Commission

- Home page: <http://www.bctreaty.net/>
- Six stages: <http://www.bctreaty.net/files/sixstages.php>

#### Canada in the Making

- Numbered treaties:  
[http://www.canadiana.ca/citm/specifique/numtreatyoverview\\_e.html](http://www.canadiana.ca/citm/specifique/numtreatyoverview_e.html)

# CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT HOLD A PROVINCIAL COMMISSION

## **General Information**

Persons who do not hold a provincial commission in Canada are required to write the three CLS Professional Exams (P1, P2A & B and P3).

## **Making the application**

A person holding a Certificate of Completion from the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS) who wishes to become candidates for a Commission as a CLS must complete and submit the application form on the ACLS website along with the registration fee.

Candidates become student members of the ACLS automatically when they become a CLS candidate.

## **Examination Process**

All examinations are available online starting on March 1, 2020 and are available on demand. Each exam can be written at different times or one after the other at the choice of the candidate. The on-line system generates exams by random selection of questions from a database that is kept up to date on a regular basis.

## **Persons Admitted to the Examination Room**

No person other than the invigilator and the candidates will be admitted to the room while the candidate is writing an exam.

## **Open Book Examinations**

All examinations in this syllabus are "open book" examinations meaning that printed material can be brought into the examination room. No electronics are allowed such as smart phone, tablet, computer, or other electronic device except for one computer required to access and write the examination.

## **Unauthorized Conduct**

The sharing of questions and/or answers between candidates, or the use of any unauthorized material during the examination, is not allowed under any circumstances.

Candidates are required to sign a confidentiality agreement before starting to write any exam. It will be provided by the invigilator just before the start of any exam.

## **Invigilator**

The invigilator chosen by the candidate cannot be a relative or an employee of the same firm as the candidate, or a business colleague. The Invigilator must be a Canadian professional surveyor and must provide an affidavit to the ACLS before being accepted as an Invigilator. Similarly, the location chosen to write the examination cannot be the home or the business premises of the candidate. A suggestion for an Invigilator would be a business competitor and a suggested location would be his/her business premises. Another suggestion is the office of a surveying association where the writing of the examination can be supervised.

The invigilator will provide a computer with Internet connection for the candidate to take the exam.

## **Applying to Write an Examination**

After a person has been accepted as a candidate for a Commission, it is the responsibility of the candidate to apply to write an examination(s) and to pay the examination(s) fee.

The application form is available at <https://www.acls-aatc.ca/forms-non-members/> . Note that the application form requires that candidate specify the name of the person who will be invigilating the examination and the

location where the examination will be written.

Candidates will need to contact the ACLS at [board@acsl-aatc.ca](mailto:board@acsl-aatc.ca), after which the ACLS will issue the candidate a username, password and link to access the examination site. Do not click on this link before the time set with your Invigilator for the start of the exam. This information will be provided by an e-mail. Upon issuance of the username and password, the candidate has the following 30 days within which to write the examination.

### **Writing an Examination**

For each exam, the online examination is a live Web page and a space is provided after each question for the candidate to enter an answer.

Each answer must be confined to the question asked. Marks will be deducted where a single answer is requested, and the candidate gives a number of possible answers for the question.

Candidates must bring the following to the examinations in case they have to draw one or more sketches:

- Coloured pencils (at least 3 colours)
- Straightedge and scale

To begin the examination, candidates must click on the Internet link shown on the e-mail and log into the examination site using the provided username and password by the ACLS when they registered to write an exam. **This must be done in presence of the Invigilator.**

### **Use of calculators**

For examination questions that require them, candidates are to supply their own electronic calculators. Calculators used are to be handheld and battery operated. The use of electronic translators or smart phones (iPhone, Blackberry, Samsung, Huawei, etc.) is not allowed. The Invigilator may inspect any calculator brought for the examination and may forbid use of those which do not meet the requirements of this section.

If the exam requires the candidate to provide one or more sketches, the Invigilator is responsible for scanning the sketch(es) using a **colour scanner** and e-mailing them to the ACLS office.

### **Marking Exams**

Every examination, or special examination, written by a candidate shall be reviewed and marked except where a candidate:

- is found by the ACLS to be ineligible to be examined
- has not paid the prescribed fee
- has not complied with these requirements or the instructions of the ACLS
- has contravened section “Unauthorized Conduct”.

### **Results of examinations**

After the results of examinations have been approved by the ACLS Board of Examiners, the candidates will be provided with the total mark they received for each written examination.

### **Appeals**

Every candidate or other person may appeal to the Board of Examiners for a review of any decision or examination result issued within thirty days after the issuance of the decision or result.

Where a specific reason is presented to support an appeal as described above, the Board shall review the decision or result and shall do so in light of the reason presented.

### **Fees**

The following schedule of examination fees shall apply. These fees must accompany applications:

(a) Application for examination (per subject)	\$200.00
(b) Application for appeal of each examination	\$135.00
(c) Penalty for NSF cheque or declined credit card	\$30.00

The Board of Examiners may amend this schedule of fees from time to time.

#### **Examination fee refunds and credits**

A candidate needing to delay the writing of any examination after fees have been paid and before actually writing the exam can request to be provided with a new username and password with a later expiry date.

#### **Pass requirements**

The pass mark for an examination in any subject is seventy percent (70%) of the total value of marks for the examination. P2 A Property Rights Onshore and P2B Property Rights Offshore count as a single exam, and the final mark is an average of the total marks scored on each section.

### **CLS Commission**

The ACLS Board of Examiners will notify the Registrar when a candidate has successfully completed the ACLS Professional Examination and has met any other requirements necessary to be eligible to receive a commission.

### **ACLS Licence to Practice**

Once the CLS Commission is issued, the candidate can apply for an ACLS Licence to Practice. The requirements other than paying the licence fee are the following:

- Is a Regular member of the ACLS.
- Met the training period and project report requirements (see section entitled “Requirements for obtaining an ACLS Licence to Practice for candidates who do not hold a provincial commission”).
- If not employed by Her Majesty in right of Canada or a province or by an agent of Her Majesty in either of those rights, proof of professional liability insurance where the limit is not be less than \$250,000 for each single occurrence and \$500,000 for all occurrences in any 12-month period.
- Affidavit or statutory declaration of experience.

# Examination Subjects

## General

Each exam will be based on an **80% and 20%** weighting i.e. 80% of the questions shall be related to core elements, and 20% related to non-core elements.

The required pass mark for each exam is **70%**, and each exam lasts 3 hours.

All exams are open book i.e. printed material is allowed for the examinations. However, no electronics (smart phone, tablet, computer, etc.) are allowed for the examinations with the exception of the computer used to access the exam.

## P1: Acts and Regulations & National Standards for Surveys of Canada Lands

### Core elements:

- Canada Lands Surveys Act
- Canada Land Surveyors Act
- Canada Lands Surveyors Regulations
- National Standards
- Interdepartmental Agreement (NRCan and Indigenous Affairs Canada)

### Non-core elements:

- Yukon, NWT and Nunavut specific legislation
- Canada Oil & Gas Regulations
- Canada Oil & Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Yukon Act
- NWT Act
- Nunavut Act
- Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Territorial Lands Act
- Territorial Land Use Regulations
- Territorial Lands Regulations

This examination uses the following publications of the Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada: [National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands](#) provides Canada Lands Surveyors with the technical standards that apply to surveys undertaken on Canada Lands.

[Getting a Survey Done](#) provides information on the administrative requirements and procedures for surveys on Canada Lands

[Surveys, Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands](#) edited by Dr. Brian Ballantyne, a handbook serving as a useful reference for those working on or with Canada Lands

Candidates should bring with them to the exam a scale, straightedge and two pens or markers of a different colour that may be required for answers requiring sketches. Candidates should also have a calculator suitable for surveying calculations.

## **Textbooks**

Textbooks for this exam are the following publications of the Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada:

[National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands](#)

[Getting a Survey Done Surveys](#)

[Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands](#)

## **Reference Material:**

[ACLS Practice Manual](#)

[Northwest Territories Devolution](#)

As of April 1, 2014, in accordance with the Northwest Territories Devolution Agreement and the Northwest Territories Devolution Act, the Government of Canada transferred the administration and control of public lands, resources and rights in respect of waters in the Northwest Territories to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. The Government of Northwest Territories has authority related to the disposition and use of land and resources. The GNWT mirrored 26 federal acts and regulations governing public land, water and resource management in the NWT. All were enacted as territorial legislation on April 1, 2014.

The new territorial mining regulations mirror the federal mining regulations. However, the federal Northwest Territories Mining Regulations will continue to apply to certain specific parcels of federal lands in the Northwest Territories.

Administration of oil and gas rights in Nunavut and the Arctic Offshore remain under federal authority and the responsibility of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. Administration of oil and gas rights in the Northwest Territories which are deemed onshore, as defined by the Northwest Territories Devolution Agreement, are now administered by the territorial government, under the responsibility of the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

[Guide to the new Nunavut Mining Regulations and the Northwest Territories Mining Regulations](#)

## **P2: Property Rights on Canada Lands**

### **P2 A – ONSHORE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Objectives and fundamental components of property rights systems including:

- Land registration systems;
- Survey systems;
- Systems for Crown Lands and for privately held lands;
- Provincial systems;
- Relationships between systems.
- Property rights systems in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and on Indian Lands and National Parks.
- Land tenure on Indian Lands and National Parks.
- Crown Land Management.
- Administration of Federal subsurface rights in Canada including oil and gas in the offshore, in Indian Lands and in the Territories;
- Placer and quartz mining in the Yukon;
- Mining in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Core elements – land tenure and property rights of onshore Canada Lands:

- Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut Acts
- Yukon, Northwest Territories Land Title Acts
- Territorial Lands Act (NT & Nunavut)
- Territorial Lands Regulations (NT & Nunavut)
- Commissioner Lands Act (NT)
- Yukon Lands Act
- Yukon Lands Regulations
- National Parks -
- Indian Act

Non-core elements:

- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Yukon, NWT and Nunavut legislation
- Canada Oil & Gas Regulations
- Canada Oil & Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Indian Oil and Gas Regulations (Aug. 1, 2019)
- Northwest Territories
  - Territorial Dredging Regulations
  - Territorial Land Use Regulations
  - Commissioner's Land Regulations
  - Land Titles Plans Regulations
- Yukon
  - Subdivision Act
  - Condominium Act
  - Land Titles Plans Regulations
  - Placer Mining Act
  - Quartz Mining Act

## **LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS**

Candidates are required to have a good understanding and knowledge of the land tenure and property rights of on-shore Canada Lands.

The textbooks identified below provide the necessary information which should be supplemented with the appropriate sections of the various federal and territorial acts and regulations listed below that are relevant to land tenure and property rights.

Candidates are responsible for amendments related to these acts and regulations that have been enacted 60 days prior to the examination date. Exam answers that are based on more recent amendments will be marked in accordance with those amendments.

Candidates may also find it useful to use the following Websites for accessing the latest versions of acts and regulations:

- for Canada: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/>
- for Yukon: <http://www.canlii.org/en/yk/>
- for Northwest Territories: <http://www.canlii.org/en/nt/>
- for Nunavut: <http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/>

### **Textbooks:**

The National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands which came into force in January 2015 along with the publication Getting a Survey Done.

Be sure to check the SGB National Standards web page for addendums for the Standards or Getting a Survey Done to ensure you are getting the most up to date information.

Surveys, Parcels and Tenure on Canada Lands, edited by Dr. Bryan Ballantyne published by Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada at:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/sites/www.nrcan.gc.ca/files/earthsciences/pdf/land-surveys/SurveysParcelsTenureCanadaLands.pdf>

### **On-line Course:**

Onshore Property Rights course available on GeoEd: <http://www.geoed.ca>

### **References:**

#### Federal Acts and Regulations

- Canada National Parks Act
- Canada Oil and Gas Land Regulations
- Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Indian Oil and Gas Regulations (Aug. 1, 2019)
- Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982
- Indian Act
- Northwest Territories Act
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Act
- Territorial Dredging Regulations
- Territorial Land Use Regulations
- Territorial Lands Act
- Territorial Lands Regulations

#### Yukon Acts and Regulations

- Condominium Act
- Land Titles Act



- Lands Act
- Subdivision Act
- Lands Regulations
- Land Titles Plans Regulations
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#### Northwest Territories & Nunavut Acts and Regulations

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##### [Guide to the new Nunavut Mining Regulations and the Northwest Territories Mining Regulations](#)

- Territorial Lands Act (NT & NU)
- Northwest Territories Mining Regulations
- Nunavut Mining Regulations
- Commissioner's Lands Act, (NT)
- Commissioner's Land Regulations (NT)
- Land Titles Act (NT)
- Land Titles Plans Regulations (NT)
- Lands Regulations (NT)

## **P2 B - Offshore Property Rights on Canada Lands**

### **Core elements:**

- Historical Context
- UNCLOS – geological and legal
- Baselines
- International Bilateral Offshore Boundaries
- Limits
- Jurisdiction

### **Non-core elements:**

- Administration of Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Resources
  - Legislation related to Offshore Oil and Gas
  - Pacific Coast
  - Atlantic Coast -m Nova Scotia
  - Atlantic Coast – Newfoundland and Labrador
  - Northwest Territories and Nunavut
  - Yukon

### **This examination is based on a good understanding of the following:**

#### Maritime international law pre-UNCLOS

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- Historical Development of International Law of the Sea to 1945
- Historical Development of International Law of the Sea from 1945

#### United Nations Law of The Sea, 1982 (UNCLOS)

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- Administration of UNCLOS
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- The Continental Shelf
  - Continental Shelf - Typical Situation
  - Continental Shelf - Where the Geological Shelf is Greater Than 200 Nautical Miles
- Graphical Methods of Determining and Depicting Offshore Limits
  - Straight Lines
  - Equidistant Lines

#### Canada's Offshore Jurisdiction

- Federal Jurisdiction in Canada's Offshore
- Pacific Coast
- Atlantic Coast - Newfoundland and Labrador
- Arctic Coast

#### Administration of Canada's Offshore Oil and Gas Resources

- Legislation Related to Offshore Oil and Gas
- Pacific Coast
- Atlantic Coast - Nova Scotia
- Atlantic Coast - Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nova Scotia-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Resources Arbitration
- Northwest Territories and Nunavut
- Yukon

#### **Textbooks:**

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#### **On-line course:**

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#### **References:**

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Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf  
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The Law of the Sea, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

United Nations, New York 1983.

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_overview\\_convention.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_overview_convention.htm)

A Manual on Technical Aspects of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea – 1982 International Hydrographic Organization Special Publication No. 51. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors. \$70.00

The Canada Petroleum Resources Act

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-8.5/234461.html>

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Implementation Act

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-7.8/233899.html>

The Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/c-7.5/233481.html>

Petroleum Operations on the Canadian Continental Margin, The Legal Issues in a Modern Perspective

Gault, Ian T. 1983, Faculty of Law, the University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive, NW, Calgary Alberta.

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## **P3: Indigenous Property Rights & Topics**

### **Core elements:**

- Historical Context
- Historic Treaties
- The Indian Act
- Indian Reserve Lands
- Constitution Act of 1982
- Indigenous rights and title
- Section 35 of the Constitution and the Crown's duty to consult
- Land Claims
  - Comprehensive
  - Specific
  - Treaty Land Entitlement
- Modern Treaties
- B.C. Treaty process
- Indigenous Governance including self-government

### **Non-core elements:**

- Traditional justice systems, sentencing circles
- Idle no more
- Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Government structures

### **This examination is based on a good understanding of the following:**

#### History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada

- British colonial policies towards Indigenous peoples
- Royal Proclamation of 1763
- Assimilation (residential schools, 1960 scoop, northern relocations and other assimilation strategies)
- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, 1991-1996 (policy recommendations)
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada now Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Idle No More movement
- National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

#### Historic Treaties (key features, significance)

- Treaties of Peace and Neutrality (1701 – 1760)
- Peace and Friendship Treaties (1725 – 1779)
- Upper Canada Treaties (1764 – 1862)
- Robinson Treaties (1850)
- Douglas (Vancouver Island) Treaties (1850 – 1854)
- Numbered Treaties 1 – 11 (1871 – 1921)

#### The Indian Act

- Indian Act, 1876 (purpose, main features, criticisms)
- White Paper, 1969 (key proposals, criticisms)

- Bill C-31, 1985 (gender discrimination and amendments to the Indian Act)
- Status Indians (features, benefits) vs. non-status Indians, band membership

#### Indian Reserve Lands

- Indian reserves (historic motives, key features, impacts/challenges of reserve system)
- systems of tenure on Indian reserves, collective vs. individual land interests
- First Nations Land Management Regime (features, benefits)
- federal reserve land management, designated lands, leases, permits and licences
- Indian Lands Registry System, First Nations Land Registry System
- distinctions between reserve lands and traditional territories

#### Aboriginal rights and title

- section 25 of the Charter and section 35, Constitution Act, 1982
- Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal interests, Aboriginal title, and treaty rights
- key findings and significance of the following court decisions:
  - Calder v. British Columbia (A.G.) [1973] (Aboriginal title)
  - R. v. Guerin [1984] (Aboriginal title and fiduciary duty)
  - R. v. Sparrow [1990] (Aboriginal rights and infringement)
  - R. v. Van der Peet [1996] (determining existence of an Aboriginal right)
  - Delgamuukw v. British Columbia [1997] (determining existence of Aboriginal title)
  - R. v. Powley [2003] (Métis rights)
  - Tsilhqot'in Nation v British Columbia, [2014] (recognizing Aboriginal title)
  - Daniels v Canada, [2016] (affirming Métis Aboriginal right to hunt for food under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982)

#### Section 35 and the Crown's Duty to Consult

- Section 35(1) – (4), Constitution Act, 1982
- principle of the Honour of the Crown
- the Crown's duty to consult (what it is and when it is triggered)
- key findings and significance of the following Supreme Court of Canada decisions:
  - Haida Nation v. British Columbia [2004]
  - Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada [2005]
  - Beckman v. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation [2010]
  - Clyde River (Hamlet) v. Petroleum Geo-Services Inc, [2017]
  - Chippewas of the Thames First Nation v. Enbridge Pipelines, [2017]

#### Specific and comprehensive claims

- comprehensive claims and specific claims (features, distinctions)
- treaty land entitlement process (specific features)
- processes for settling specific and comprehensive claims
- federal government's Comprehensive Land Claims Policy [1986]

#### Modern Treaties (key features, significance)

- James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement [1977]
- Inuvialuit Final Agreement [1984]
- Council for Yukon Indians Umbrella Final Agreement [1993]
- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement [1993]
- Tlicho Agreement [2003]
- Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement [2005]

- Nunavik Land Claims Agreement [2006]
- Yale First Nation Final Agreement [2010]
- Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement [2012]
- Tla'amin Final Agreement [2016]

#### BC Treaty process

- six stages of the British Columbia treaty negotiation process
- key features and significance of recent treaties:
  - Nisga'a Final Agreement [2000]
  - Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement [2009]
  - Maa-Nulth First Nations Final Agreement [2011]
  - Tla'amin Final Agreement [2016]

#### Indigenous Governance

- band councils and decision-making processes
- traditional justice systems, sentencing circles
- self-government
  - failure of the Charlottetown Accord [1992]
  - Inherent Right Policy [1995]
  - federal government's policy on Aboriginal self-government and implementation
  - self-government agreements – Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Labrador, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia; common characteristics, common issues, agreement(s) with very different features

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Jackson, Robert J. and Jackson, Doreen, *Politics in Canada: Culture, Institutions, Behaviour and Public Policy*, 7th ed., (Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009).

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Isaac, Thomas, *Aboriginal Law: Commentary and Analysis* (Saskatoon: Purich Publishing, 2012). ISBN 9781895830620

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*Native Government Issues*. A compilation of assorted former textbooks and references. Includes: *A History of Native Claims Processes in Canada, 1867-1979*. Richard C. Daniel for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Ottawa, 1980; *Outstanding Business – A Native Claims Policy, Specific Claims, Indian Affairs and Northern Development*, Ottawa, 1982; *In All Fairness – A Native Claims Policy, Comprehensive Claims, Indian Affairs and Northern Development*, Ottawa 1981; *Comprehensive Land Claims Policy, Indian Affairs and Northern Development*, Ottawa, 1987; *The Canadian Indian, Indian Affairs and Northern Development*, Ottawa, 1986. Available from the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors.

#### **Online Resources**

Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Historic treaties: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1370362690208/1370362747827>

Summaries of Pre-1975 Treaties:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1370362690208/1370362747827>

Comprehensive claims, treaty negotiations and final agreements:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032291/1100100032292>

Comprehensive claims Final Agreements:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100030583/1100100030584>

General Briefing Note on Canada's Self-government and Comprehensive Land Claims Policies and the Status of Negotiations, April 2013:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1373385502190/1373385561540#s1>

federal land management services:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100034737/1100100034738>

First Nations Land Management regime:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1327090675492/1327090738973> and <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1367432545445/1367432634043>

Link to Indian Lands Registry System and First Nations Land Registry System (login required):

[http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/ilrs\\_public/](http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/ilrs_public/)

Self-government:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016293/1100100016294>

and <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100032275/1100100032276>

Federal government's policy guide to Aboriginal self-government:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100031843/1100100031844>

### **First Nations Studies Program at UBC:**

- "Indigenous Foundations": useful resource on Aboriginal history in Canada and various topics: <http://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/home/>

### **British Columbia Treaty Commission**

- Home page: <http://www.bctreaty.net/>
- Six stages: <http://www.bctreaty.net/files/sixstages.php>

### **Canada in the Making**

- Numbered treaties: [http://www.canadiana.ca/citm/specifique/numtreatyoverview\\_e.html](http://www.canadiana.ca/citm/specifique/numtreatyoverview_e.html)



# **REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN ACLS LICENCE TO PRACTICE FOR CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT HOLD A PROVINCIAL COMMISSION**

## **Licence requirements**

The ACLS Registrar issues a licence for the practice of the profession to a candidate who

- a) holds a Canada Lands Surveyors Commission;
- b) has successfully completed the professional training period in accordance with this section of the Handbook (pages 41 to 53);
- c) has provided a project report according to the Project Report requirements that has been approved by the Board of Examiners;
- d) has provided an affidavit according to the Canada Lands Surveyors Regulations;
- e) has sent to the Registrar a duly completed application for a license in the form provided by the ACLS;
- f) has provided proof of the required professional liability insurance or proof of exemption; and
- g) has paid the licence and affidavit fees.

## **Board of Examiners**

A member of the Board of Examiners must withdraw where a license applicant is the member's spouse, is related to the member by marriage or birth, to the degree of first cousin inclusively, or where the member is likely to be in a situation of conflict of interest in respect of any other candidate for the professional training period.

## **Eligibility for professional training period**

A candidate registered with the ACLS, who holds a CBEPS Certificate of Completion and who sends to the Registrar, before the date set for the beginning of the training period, a duly completed application for registration for the professional training period in the form provided for by the Board of Examiners is eligible for a professional training period.

The candidate must, in the application for registration for the training period, identify a supervisor who

- a) Is, in the case of training in cadastral surveying, an individual holding a licence to practice land surveying in one of the eleven Canadian jurisdictions and in all cases has been practicing for at least 5 years;
- b) has not been the subject of any penalty imposed by a disciplinary body in the 5 years preceding the person's acceptance as a supervisor;
- c) has not been required to complete a refresher training period pursuant to an order of a professional association and whose right to practice has not been limited or suspended in the 5 years preceding the person's acceptance as a supervisor; and
- d) is not a member of the ACLS Board of Examiners.

The Board of Examiners examines the candidate's application for registration for the training period and decides whether the application is accepted or rejected. The Registrar informs the candidate of its decision within 30 days of receiving the application for registration for the training period.

If the Board rejects the application for registration for the training period, the Registrar informs the candidate of the reasons for the rejection and the conditions to be met for the application for registration for the training period to be accepted by the Board.

## **Progress of the professional training period**

The training period is under the immediate supervision and responsibility of a supervisor. A trainee may engage in the professional activities of a surveyor. The trainee may not, however, sign documents.

The duration of the training period is 24 months, on a full-time basis, and consists of one or several training period terms.

The objectives of the training period are for trainees to acquire practical skills in the surveying profession and to achieve professional autonomy.

During the training period, the Board of Examiners may, on receiving from a trainee or supervisor a request with reasons, authorize the suspension of the training period or a change of supervisor. If the Board authorizes the change of supervisor, the candidate must complete a new application for registration for the professional training period.

The Board of Examiners may accept or reject the new application for registration.

## **Evaluation of the professional training period**

The trainee is evaluated by the supervisor on the basis of the following 5 evaluation criteria:

- a) practical work: research skills, presentation of files and practical problem-solving skills;
- b) organization of work: planning of work, application of methods, standards, techniques, as well as laws and regulations;
- c) professional attributes: sense of observation, initiative and responsibility, punctuality, presence and professionalism;
- d) Communication skills: oral and written communication skills with clients and peers and maintenance of files;
- e) Leadership and management skills: ability to adapt, self-control, capacity for self- evaluation, discretion, leadership and team work.

The supervisor evaluates the trainee on each evaluation criterion using the following scale:

- a) Excellent: 5;
- b) Very good: 4;
- c) Good: 3;
- d) Poor: 2;
- e) Unsatisfactory: 1; or
- f) Nil: 0.

The training period is successfully completed if the trainee obtains, for the training period as a whole, an average mark equal to or greater than 3.

If the trainee's mark is less than 3, the trainee must successfully complete a new 6-month training period in accordance with these requirements.

The candidate must successfully complete the professional training period within 5 years from the date of the first application for registration for one or more of the professional examinations. On the expiry of the 5-year period, the three professional examinations must have been passed for the candidate to be eligible again for the training period.

An evaluation report duly completed by the supervisor in the form prescribed by the Board of Examiners and signed by the supervisor and the trainee, together with a written report in which the trainee describes the practical skills acquired during the training period and the amount of time spent acquiring each skill, must be sent by the trainee to the Board of Examiners within 30 days following:

- a) a 12-month training period with the same supervisor;
- b) a change of supervisor;
- c) a training period suspension; or
- d) the end of a training period.

The Board of Examiners strongly recommends that a meeting be held between the trainee and the supervisor at least every 6 months to review the progress of the training.

If the supervisor refuses or is unable to make an evaluation within the prescribed time period, the trainee may contact the Board of Examiners, which then takes the appropriate action.

When the training period is completed, the Board of Examiners examines the supervisor's evaluation reports and the trainee's reports and makes a recommendation, to which the reports are attached, to the Registrar whether to accept or refuse the professional training period.

The Registrar sends the result to the candidate within 10 days.

A candidate whose training period is refused may apply to the ACLS Council for a review of the decision. The application must be made in writing to the Council within 60 days following the date of receipt of the result. The candidate must send written submissions to the Registrar before the date set for the meeting.

At the first regular meeting following the date of receipt of the application for review, the Council must examine the application.

The decision of the Council is final and must be sent to the candidate in writing within 30 days after the date on which the decision was made.



# APPLICATION FOR A TRAINING PERIOD TO QUALIFY FOR AN ACLS LICENCE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBERS Telephones (Business) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

THE TRAINING PERIOD WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSON:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NOS. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A LICENSED SURVEYOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ASSOCIATION(S) WHERE SUPERVISOR HAS A VALID LICENCE TO PRACTICE SURVEYING: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period expected to begin on \_\_\_\_\_ ending on \_\_\_\_\_

Length of period \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Trainee

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**PLEASE ADD A SHORT DESCRIPTION (NO MORE THAN A PAGE) DESCRIBING ANTICIPATED TASKS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CANDIDATE AND TYPES OF PROJECTS (CADASTRAL, CONSTRUCTION, ETC.)**



# TRAINING PERIOD ASSESSMENT FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surname and given name of trainee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surname and given name of supervisor

PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES	POINTS (5 max.)	COMMENTARY
Sense of observation	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____
Responsibility	_____	_____
Punctuality	_____	_____
Presence and professionalism	_____	_____
 <b>LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS</b>		
Ability to adapt	_____	_____
Self-control	_____	_____
Capacity for self-evaluation	_____	_____
Discretion	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____
Teamwork	_____	_____
 <b>ORGANIZATION OF WORK</b>		
Planning of work	_____	_____
Application of methods and techniques	_____	_____
Standards	_____	_____
Laws and regulations	_____	_____
 <b>COMMUNICATION SKILLS</b>		
Communication with clients & peers (Oral & Written)	_____	_____
Maintenance of files	_____	_____
 <b>PRACTICAL WORK</b>		
Research skills	_____	_____
Presentation of files	_____	_____
Practical problem-solving skills	_____	_____
Total mark: _____/100		

Period beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ ending on \_\_\_\_\_

Length of period \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Trainee

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

# CERTIFICATION OF SURVEYING EXPERIENCE

N.B. : All information supplied will be treated confidentially by the ACLS.

## Identification of the trainee

Surname and given name

Employment of the trainee covered by this certification

Company name

Address

Municipality

Province

Postal code

E-mail

( )

( )

Telephone

Fax

Trainee's title

Name of immediate supervisor

Supervisor's Professional Affiliation

Employment starting date :  
Year Month Day

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Employment termination date (if applicable) :  
Year Month Day Reason for leaving

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

If part-time employment, specify : \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification of the supervisor

Surname and given name

Professional Affiliation

Company name

Title

( )

Telephone

E-mail

## EXAMPLE OF A DESCRIPTION OF WORK EXPERIENCE

[REPLACE THIS PAGE BY YOUR OWN WORK EXPERIENCE]

Your particular situation will require you to describe surveying activities and accomplishments that are different from the ones suggested here. A well-structured description should be presented on a maximum of two pages.

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK EXPERIENCE

#### PART A

Context and work situation, responsibilities within the company

The company provide full-service geomatics consulting and technical services. Under the supervision of the director of surveying, I oversee the entire flow process of data acquisition and management for cadastral surveying. The company is responsible for having the services approved according to recognized standards supervising realisation and customer service. I also supervise these activities.

#### PART B

Time *	Surveying activities	Accomplishments
45 %	1. Field Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical Survey</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cadastral Survey</li> </ul>	1.1 Conduct a pre-analysis for a high-precision control survey to act as the foundation for a monitoring survey on a large retaining wall. Conduct survey, setting concrete reference pillars and ensuring the necessary redundancy. Post-process the survey data. 1.2 Carry out legal surveys in the field included monument searching and identification, evaluation of evidence. This includes traversing, balancing a traverse, conducting basic boundary resolution in the field and setting new evidence where appropriate. 1.3 Meet with landowner in the field, conduct topographic survey of the area where he plans to build a garage. Search and tie existing property corners and stake a portion of the property line in the vicinity of the new construction.
20 %	2. Office Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Searches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Computing and Computer Design</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communication</li> </ul>	2.1 Research new projects when clients phone for an estimate, pull titles, pertinent plans, documents on title, zoning and bylaws where appropriate. 2.2 Prepare files for field work, including pre-survey calculations to assist with search coordinates, pulling information from previous files etc. process field returns, conduct quality control on data using Microsurvey. Draft building location certificates and legal surveys such as right of way plans, subdivisions and strata plans for review by the professional land surveyor. 2.3 Prepare weekly report for a major client providing update of progress on the project in that week. Prepare survey reports for review by the professional land surveyor to accompany plan submission to NRCan.

15 %	<p>3. Project Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Preparation of budget</li> <li>□ Preparation of Schedule</li> <li>□ Coordination</li> <li>□ Quality Control</li> </ul>	<p>3.1 Meet with client onsite to review project, scope of work. Return from the office, conduct research, prepare a written proposal for client for a 25-lot subdivision based upon discussion with client, including budget and scope.</p> <p>3.2 Undertake pre-calculations. Prepare field crew for field work, process field returns. QA/QC posting, send to drafting department. Address questions from drafting department, review plan, provide mark ups.</p> <p>3.3 Monitor budget weekly, tracking costs against the prepared budget. Provide weekly progress reports to the client updating timelines.</p>
10 %	4. Personnel Management	<p>4.1 Prepare and arrange to have posted a job description for a survey assistant, review resumes, assist with interviews of potential candidates</p> <p>4.2 Provide input into performance evaluations for office and field staff</p>
10 %	5. Administration and others	<p>5.1 Design a checklist form for new clients phoning the office to ensure the person answering the phone obtains all pertinent information</p> <p>5.2 Create a template for file management for project files in the office to ensure files are being kept up with the necessary information</p> <p>5.3 Created a database for management of digital plans on the office server</p>

\* % of time devoted to this activity in relation to the entire period covered by this certification.

We certify that the information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, true.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>date</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>date</b>
_____ Signature of the junior surveyor	_____ date	_____ Signature of the supervisor	_____ date



# Guidelines for the Submission of a Project Report

Before a license to practice can be issued by the Registrar, the applicant is required to submit a satisfactory Project Report. The purpose of this submission is to allow the Board of Examiners to determine that the applicant has been engaged in one of the disciplines of surveying at a responsible and professional level. This document provides guidelines to the applicant as to what constitutes an acceptable project, the required level of involvement by the candidate and general project report requirements. It is highly recommended that the candidate structures the project report in accordance with these guidelines.

1. The subject of the proposed Project Report must be approved by the Board of Examiners. A project proposal must be sent to the Registrar for approval **before** the project starts. In the request for approval the applicant should provide: (a) a general description of the project; (b) the role of the applicant in the project; (c) the purpose of the project, the client, and the proposed timeline.
2. The project must be related to one of the recognized disciplines of surveying and be of such a nature, extent and level of complexity as to demonstrate clearly the professional competence and judgment required of a professional surveyor. The intent is that the field project be performed under the supervision of a practicing professional surveyor, as part of the Candidate's regular employment duties. All Field Work must be done by candidate, as should all calculations. Drafting should ideally be conducted by the candidate, though if not possible, should at least be thoroughly reviewed by the candidate and prepared under the candidate's instruction. Checklist and professional level review should be undertaken by the candidate. Correspondence with agencies and the client should be the responsibility of the candidate.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Candidates have the flexibility to select projects that represent surveys commonly performed in their area, however the goal of this project is test the candidate's knowledge on specific aspects of surveying including but not limited to the following:

- field survey procedures
- evidence evaluation
- boundary resolution
- plan preparation
- client liaison
- liaison with organizations such as municipalities, approving authorities, referral agencies, Natural Resources Canada, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the territorial governments where applicable
- project management

The written portion of the report should be presented in a professional style and should be clear and concise with no extraneous information. The report should be submitted in PDF format, with plans, field notes and other pertinent information contained within the appendices of the report. Photos and portions of plans may be included in the text of the document where appropriate. Although point values are identified by task, the report should be prepared in a narrative format and should read as a professional report.

The following marking scheme outlines the items upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

### Section 1: General Presentation

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Overall Professional Appearance of Report	
2	Table of Contents	
3	Summary of project purpose, instruction received from client, research conducted	

4	Appendices: inclusion of relevant plans, documents, checklists, field notes, adjustment reports, photos, correspondence, etc.*	
Total		10

\*Note: These items contained within the appendices should be referenced in the main body of the report and should appear in the same order in the appendices as the text reference

### Section 2: Project Set Up

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Brief discussion of initial client contact	
2	Initial job request and how scope of work was determined	
3	Was there a formal proposal or contract?	
4	Was a fixed fee assigned to the project or was some or all of the project billed on time and materials?	
5	How did the Candidate estimate the project costs?	
6	Provide the components of your time and cost estimate (not a requirement to include actual pricing)	
Total		10

### Section 3: Field Survey Procedures/Equipment/Methodology

Task	Description	Point Value
1	What are the required accuracies?	
2	What survey equipment and methodology was decided upon for the project and why?	
3	Summary of any pre-calculations done to prepare for the field survey.	
Total		10

#### Section 4: Field Survey

Task	Description	Point Value
1	<p>Field Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Must be prepared by candidate;</li> <li>□ Must be handwritten and pictorial;</li> <li>□ Field notes themselves will be marked according to their neatness, clarity, and completeness (instrument occupation and measurement information, descriptions of all evidence found and searched for, check measurements, diagrams, etc.);</li> <li>□ Field notes must include an overall sketch of the survey</li> </ul> <p>Field notes should be included in the appendix for review.</p>	
2	<p>Field Procedures</p> <p>Summary of processes and techniques used in the field, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Field setup and control</li> <li>□ Methods of searching for evidence</li> <li>□ Methods for reducing measurement error</li> <li>□ Field closures obtained</li> </ul>	
Total:		20

#### Section 5: Field Data Reduction and Quality Control

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Summary of field data processing and checking, field closures and accuracies achieved;	
2	Discussion of any adjustments applied to the survey data and why;	
3	Brief summary of how field data is managed (organized and archived in the office) and why data management is important.	
Total		10

#### Section 6: Evidence Evaluation and Boundary Resolution

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Discussion of all survey evidence found and how it was evaluated by the candidate	
2	A discussion of evidentiary problems encountered and any boundary re-establishments	
3	Any boundary uncertainties or significant conflicts with previous plan measurements should be discussed in some detail	
4	Identify possible alternative solutions to the re-establishment performed.	
5	Discussion of hierarchy of evidence as applied to the evidence found in the Candidate's survey.	
Total		10

### Section 7: Plan Preparation

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Brief summary of the Candidate's process to convert raw field data into a drawing.	
2	Brief summary of plan approvals – who will need to sign the plan and why.	
3	Brief summary of accompanying documents (if any) required for plan registration.	
4	Identify plan checking and quality control measures used.	
5	Plan checking – what checklists or other quality control measures were used.	
6	Brief summary of the Candidate's assistance in completing the electronic checklist for your jurisdiction (i.e. provincial or MyCLSS) or an internal checklist*	
Total		10

\*Include a copy of the checklist and discuss any items/questions encountered while completing the checklist.

### Section 8: Approvals & Project Management

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Approvals: The contents of this section will depend on the project, but all cases must include some type of approval, either explicit or implied, required before proceeding with a survey and/or associated with the registration of the final plan. The report should have a paragraph outlining the approvals required, who obtained them and how this was confirmed.	
2	Correspondence Discussion of the Candidate's correspondence with the client, landowners, approving authorities, Land Title Office, Surveyor General's office, etc.	
3	Invoicing Brief discussion of the Candidate's role in invoicing the project.	
4	How did the costs compare to the original budget (It is the Candidate's choice whether or not to include actual pricing or cost figures) Was the project on budget and did it meet the client's expectations Did the scope of work change during the course of the project	
Total		10

### Section 9: Project Outcomes & Conclusion

Task	Description	Point Value
1	Brief summary of project outcomes, which may include client expectations, scope of work, budget issues, etc.	
2	Copy of the final drawing(s) or plan(s) prepared as a result of the survey.	
3	Conclusions, Project Summary and Analysis	
4	Solutions for minimizing or avoiding problems	
5	What did the candidate learn from the project	
6	Brief summary of the Candidate's assistance in completing the checklist under the direction of the supervising surveyor; *	
Total		10