



Canadian Construction Association / Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) and the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) see benefits to members of both organizations in establishing a Certification Agreement by which to streamline the certification path in estimating; and

WHEREAS the CCA Gold Seal Certification Program has Estimator certification (GSC) for General, Electrical, Mechanical and Trade Contracting as well as Roadbuilding & Heavy Construction; and

WHEREAS the CIQS has a Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) and Professional Quantity Surveyors (PQS) designations for the Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical fields;


The CCA and the CIQS agree as follows:

1. CCA will automatically accept individuals who have the Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) designation into the Gold Seal Intern Program. Should the Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) be able to demonstrate a minimum of 5 years direct estimating experience, CCA will allow them to directly challenge the appropriate Gold Seal examination for certification in estimating.
2. CCA will automatically accept individuals who have the Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designation as fully qualified to be certified as Gold Seal Estimators without further examination or additional experience requirements.
3. CIQS will automatically accept Gold Seal Certified Estimators as fully qualified to be certified as CIQS Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) upon application without further examination or additional experience requirements.
4. CIQS will in turn allow Gold Seal Estimator Certified holders to attain the CIQS Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designation by writing the Direct Final Examinations 302, 303, 304, 308 according to the CIQS Routes to Membership and the Practice Problem portion of the Test of Professional Experience (TPE).
5. That the internal rules and procedures for certification within the respective programs will apply to such candidates including any applicable fees and processing requirements. This information will be made available to the candidates in the normal manner.
6. Either party may terminate this agreement without cause upon giving the other three (3) months notice in writing of its intent to terminate.


Signed this 26th day of October 2011 in Toronto, Ontario CANADA.


Canadian Construction Association per:

Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors per:


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