



Land Surveyors

Pathway to Registration for Internationally Educated Professionals (IEP) in New Brunswick

Land Surveyors are regulated professionals in New Brunswick (NB). This means that you must be registered with the [Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors \(ANBLS\)](#), the regulatory authority, to be authorized to practice and to use the title of Land Surveyor, or the designation NBLS.

Land surveyors plan, direct and conduct legal surveys to establish the location of real property boundaries, contours and other natural or human-made features, and prepare and maintain cross-sectional drawings, official plans, records and documents pertaining to these surveys. They are employed by federal, provincial and municipal governments, private sector land surveying establishments, real estate development, natural resource, engineering and construction firms, or they may be self-employed.¹

For work opportunities and other information, visit [NBjobs.ca](#).



STEPS TO REGISTRATION

PART 1: COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Before applying to ANBLS, IEPs must first receive a Certificate of Completion from the [Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors \(CBEPS\)](#).

Step 1 – Academic Credentials: The [CBEPS National Syllabus](#) outlines the minimum academic standards for Land Surveyors in Canada. To become a CBEPS candidate, and have their credentials assessed against the National Syllabus, IEPs must have either a two-year geomatics or surveying diploma from a technical institute or a bachelor's degree. To apply, candidates must complete an [online application](#), submit the required documentation (including a [self-assessment](#), transcripts, course descriptions, and a third-party [credential evaluation report from a CBEPS approve source](#)) and pay the fee. CBEPS assessment fees are listed on the [application form](#), and a sample credential evaluation service fee can be found [here](#).

Step 2 - Language Proficiency: Candidates must provide the results of an English or French² language proficiency test that meet [CBEPS established benchmarks](#). Exceptions can be made where candidates have received their post-secondary education in English or French. For current test fees, click [here](#) or [here](#).

Step 3 – Certificate of Completion (C of C): Candidates will receive a copy of their assessment report and will be contacted by CBEPS to arrange an online interview to discuss any assessment gaps. There are two possible outcomes from the assessment: 1) a C of C will be issued to candidates whose education is deemed substantially equivalent to the National Syllabus, or 2) Candidates will be recommended a learning plan that must be completed before receiving a C of C. Candidates who have not yet met the language requirements will have their C of C withheld until they achieve the necessary language results.

¹ [National Occupational Classification](#) definition.

² English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick.

PART 2: REGISTRATION WITH THE NEW BRUNSWICK REGULATORY BODY

Step 4 – Surveyor-In-Training (SIT): After receiving a C of C from CBEPS, an applicant can apply to the ANBLS Board of Examiners to become a SIT. This requires completing an application form, submitting documentation, and paying fees. SITs must gain at least two years of acceptable surveying experience within four years, with prior experience qualifying at the discretion of the Board of Examiners. During this period, SITs may also be required to pass exams in Statute Law of New Brunswick, Survey Law in New Brunswick, and complete a Board-approved Legal Survey Technical Project. For current fees, contact ANBLS.

Step 5 – Land Surveyor: After the Board of Examiners confirms that all requirements have been met, it will recommend to Council that the SIT be admitted to practice as a New Brunswick Land Surveyor. The final step is to submit a completed application form with supporting documentation and paying the applicable fees that include new member registration, annual dues, and memberships to CBEPS and [Professional Surveyors Canada](#).

If you're in New Brunswick: Contact a [WorkingNB office](#) for help navigating the registration process and to access employment counselling services.



REGISTRATION COSTS AND TIMELINE³

Excluding the requirement to complete a personalized learning plan, which can vary significantly for each individual, the total fees for an IEP to become a New Brunswick Land Surveyor will be approximately \$6,240. The CBEPS assessment may take more than 12 weeks to complete, and the overall timeline—excluding any learning plan—can exceed two years due to the ANBLS SIT articling period.

Pre-arrival: You may complete the CBEPS assessment before arriving in Canada.



WORKING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

To work legally in Canada as a Land Surveyor, you must be a Canadian citizen. For immigration assistance, visit [Immigration New Brunswick](#). If you are already in Canada, WorkingNB employment counsellors are available to assist you prior to your arrival in New Brunswick. Email: vecs.svce@gnb.ca to set up an appointment.



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³ Fee and timeline estimates are as of January 2025 and are subject to change. Individual situations may increase costs and timelines—some examples include: document translation into English or French, international couriers, document notarization, travel and living to exam sites, professional liability insurance requirements, etc.