

**Criteria for Categories of Membership**  
**Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia**  
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The categories of membership are:

- Registered member (includes Professional Chemist, Chemist in Training, Professional Technologist in Chemistry, and Registered Technologist in Chemistry)
- Associate member
- Honorary Member
- Student Member
- Professional Chemist, Retired

A **registered member** is an individual who by virtue of appropriate qualifications, including education and experience, application for registration and payment of requisite fees, and subject to the regulatory regime set up to govern the standards of competency and standards of conduct of members engaged in the practice of chemistry, is approved for registration by the Membership and Registration Committee as a Professional Chemist (P.Chem.), or as a Chemist in Training (C.I.T.), or as a Professional Technologist in Chemistry (P.T.Chem.) or as a Registered Technologist in Chemistry (R.T.Chem.).

**Note:** In British Columbia, only registered members will be recognized as qualified professionals in statute and regulation by the government when such recognition is established. The Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia has the Right to Title granted by the BC Registrar of Societies for the titles “Professional Chemist” (P.Chem.), and “Chemist in Training” (C.I.T)

Application for the classes of registered member proceeds as a separate process for each designation.

**Registration as a Professional Chemist**

(1) An applicant who:

(a) Produces documentation satisfactory to the Membership and Registration Committee that shows that the applicant has obtained:

(i) an undergraduate degree in the chemical sciences (normally consisting of at least sixteen courses of one-term duration each (lectures plus associated laboratory work), or Canadian Society for Chemistry accredited program) or graduate degree in the chemical sciences from a recognized post-secondary program in Canada,

or

(ii) an undergraduate degree or graduate degree in the chemical sciences from another educational institution that is, in the opinion of the Membership and Registration Committee, substantially equivalent to a degree referred to in sub clause (i),

and

(b) has at least 48 months of post-graduate work experience in the practice of chemistry that is acceptable to the Membership and Registration Committee.

is entitled to be registered as a Professional Chemist.

(2) Notwithstanding section (1), the following applicants are also entitled to be registered as Professional Chemist:

(a) an applicant who has obtained a combination of academic qualifications and experience that, in the opinion of the Membership and Registration Committee, is substantially equivalent to the requirements set out in section (1);

(b) an applicant who is the equivalent of a registered Professional Chemist in good standing with a reciprocal association recognized by the Board of the Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia.

#### **Registration as Chemist in Training**

(3) An applicant who meets the academic requirements of section (1)(a) and has commenced post-graduate work in chemistry at the time of application, but does not have the required work experience is entitled to be registered as a Chemist in Training. An applicant who has obtained a combination of academic qualifications that, in the opinion of the Membership and Registration Committee, is substantially equivalent to the requirements of section (1), has commenced post-graduate work in chemistry at the time of application, but who lacks the appropriate work experience, is also entitled to be registered as a Chemist in Training. After a minimum of 48 months appropriate work experience, a Chemist in Training may apply for Professional Chemist registration.

#### **Registration as Professional Technologist in Chemistry**

(4) An applicant who:

(a) Produces documentation satisfactory to the Membership and Registration Committee that shows that the applicant has obtained:

(i) a diploma from a two-year program in chemical technology accredited by the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) or equivalent,

or

(ii) a diploma from a two-year program in chemical technology from another educational institution that is, in the opinion of the Membership and Registration Committee, substantially equivalent to a diploma referred to in sub clause (i),

and

(b) has at least 48 months of work experience in the practice of chemistry that is acceptable to the Membership and Registration Committee,

and

(c) produces documentation satisfactory to the Membership and Registration Committee that demonstrates the applicants competency in chemistry,

is entitled to be registered as a Professional Technologist in Chemistry.

#### **Registration as Registered Technologist in Chemistry**

(5) An applicant who:

(a) Produces documentation satisfactory to the Membership and Registration Committee that shows that the applicant has obtained:

(i) a diploma from a two-year program in chemical technology accredited by the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) or equivalent,

or

(ii) a diploma from a two-year program in chemical technology from another educational institution that is, in the opinion of the Membership and Registration Committee, substantially equivalent to a diploma referred to in sub clause (i),

and

(b) has at least 24 months of work experience in the practice of chemistry that is acceptable to the Membership and Registration Committee,

is entitled to be registered as a Registered Technologist in Chemistry.

#### **Use of title**

(a) A Professional Chemist may use the title "Professional Chemist" and the abbreviation "P.Chem."

(b) A Chemist in Training may use the title "Chemist in Training" and the abbreviation "C.I.T".

(c) A Professional Technologist in Chemistry may use the title "Professional Technologist in Chemistry" and the abbreviation "P.T. Chem."

(d) A Registered Technologist in Chemistry may use the title "Registered Technologist in Chemistry" and the abbreviation "R.T. Chem."

(e) Following their registration, Professional Chemists, Chemists-in-Training, Professional Technologists in Chemistry, and Registered Technologists in Chemistry will be referred to as registered members of the Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia.

#### **Additional Membership Categories**

(a) Honorary Member - upon nomination and recommendation by the Membership and Registration Committee and approval by the Board of the Association of the Chemical Profession of British Columbia, persons who have made a distinguished contribution to the profession of Chemistry in British Columbia may be named as Honorary members subject to further criteria that may be established under section 13.06 of the Society Bylaws.

(b) Associate Members – normally includes graduates of chemical sciences recognized technology diploma, certificate, or degree programs who may have work experience in a chemistry-related field.

(c) Student Members – includes students in a recognized post-graduate or undergraduate Chemistry program in the province of British Columbia. Undergraduate student members are not deemed to be engaged in "work in chemistry-related field" for the purpose of applying for registration under section 13.06. Postgraduate students (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) may receive partial work credit towards professional membership status (P.Chem. or C.I.T.) as outlined under section 13.06.

(d) Retired professional member - Any Professional Chemist member in good standing may elect to notify the Registrar in writing of their intention to withdraw from active practice and employment as a professional chemist and request membership in the Association as a "Professional Chemist , Retired". Such members will normally not be regarded as registered members.