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**VERIFYING IRISH
CREDENTIALS**

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It is important to note that obtaining an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) is a requirement for immigration purposes only (for example, permanent residency under Express Entry).

[Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials](#)

It is separate from the process of obtaining a licence to practise from the relevant regulatory body.

[Learn About Qualifications Recognition](#)

The procedures for evaluating and recognizing qualifications earned outside Canada will depend on:

1. whether you wish to enter an occupation or pursue further studies
2. whether your chosen occupation is regulated or non-regulated
3. The province/territory in which you intend to settle

Each regulated occupation sets its own requirements for assessment and recognition, usually through the provincial or territorial professional association or regulatory body. (In some cases, there are federal requirements for recognition.) In order to qualify for practice in Canada, you may be required to undergo professional and language examinations, submit to a review of your qualifications, and undertake a period of supervised work experience.

You should be aware that the recognition process is different in each province and territory and for each profession/trade. It can be a costly and time-consuming process; it is important that you obtain all of the information you need to know about the process and specific requirements before undertaking an assessment

You will need to complete your own sector-specific research. Here are a few examples to get you started (NB: information can update at any time and as such you must deal directly with the regulatory body):

Engineers

The technological sector in Ireland includes institutes of technology which provide programmes of education and training in areas such as business, science, engineering, etc. at both diploma and degree levels. A diploma in engineering from one of these institutes is not equivalent to an engineering degree in Canada.

[Road Map to Engineering in Canada](#)
[Tips for Engineers](#)

Accountants

Chartered Accountants Ireland has Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) with other countries including Canada.

[Chartered Professional Accountants Canada](#)

Speech Therapists

The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario ([CASLPO](#)) is the regulatory body for speech-language pathologists (SLP) throughout the province of Ontario.

Working in [British Columbia](#)

Occupational Therapists

Occupational Therapists in Ontario are regulated by the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario/the college ([COTO](#)).

[College of Occupational Therapists British Columbia](#)

Architects

Unlike many professions, foreign architects/architectural graduates can hit the ground running & commence employment without the need (although always preferable) to have credentials recognised (do confirm with your employer).

Becoming a licenced architect, however, is another issue. Licencing bodies run on a provincial scale – in Ontario one would apply to become a member of the [OAA](#): Ontario Association of Architects.

[Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities](#)

CFAs

For info see [here](#).

Nurses

RNs are licensed in the province or territory in which they work. You can request a prior learning assessment and application forms from any [provincial or territorial regulatory body](#).

Can I practice midwifery?

Midwifery is a recognized profession in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec and Nova Scotia. For further information, please refer to the [Canadian Association of Midwives](#).

NB: There is currently a move to regulate a Canada-wide assessment service for nurses—[National Nursing Assessment Services](#).

Insurance Brokers

[Insurance Institute of Canada](#)