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of Alberta

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All contributions are welcome from the members for consideration in the monthly bulletin. Please have submissions into the ACPA Office prior to the 15th of each month.

Note From The Office

Please help us in keeping our records up to date. If you have any changes to your contact information please let the ACPA office know. You can send any updates to acpaoffice@pchem.ca

AESAC Environmental Training Courses

AESAC (Associated Environmental Site Assessors of Canada), is offering environmental training courses across Canada. Courses are offered over an intense weekend session to minimize on time and expense. In order to meet it's mandate as a National Organization for training and certification of Environmental Site Assessors, AESAC has announced the following courses, dates and locations.



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PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT TRAINING

THREE DAY PHASE I CERTIFICATION COURSE/EXAM
VANCOUVER – NOVEMBER 14TH, 15TH & 16TH, 2008

NEW - PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT SEMINAR ONE DAY PHASE II ESA SEMINAR

VANCOUVER - TO BE ANNOUNCED – RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW BY REGISTERING ON LINE
AT www.aesac.ca (FALL DATE TO BE SCHEDULED SUBJECT TO MINIMUM NUMBER OF
REGISTRATIONS BEING RECEIVED)

Canadian Heavy Oil Association (CHOA): Edmonton Chapter

Dinner Presentation Series: Inaugural Event

Speaker: Dr. Robert Skinner, Senior Vice President StatoilHydro Canada.

Topic: "Back to the Future? Not the oil Industry!"

Date: Thursday, November 13

Time: cash bar 6:00, dinner to follow

Location: Radisson Hotel Edmonton

To register and for more information visit www.choa.ab.ca or call 403-269-1755

Steps for Becoming a P.Chem.

Lately the Association has been facing a number of questions from members and applicants as to the proper procedures and the requirements for becoming a Professional Chemist. These procedures depend on your current status.

New Applicant for P.Chem.

A new applicant for P.Chem. status must submit the following items to our office for review by the Registration Committee.

- Completed application form indicating that the applicant is applying for full membership "P.Chem." status.
- The \$25 non-refundable application fee. At this time do not send in any money for annual dues. If you are accepted as a member you will then be billed for your dues.
- A current resume clearly demonstrating that you have the minimum required chemistry-related work experience. You must have a minimum of two years of chemistry-related work experience, of which one year must be in North America, in order to be eligible for full membership. If you have less than this amount of work experience, but still meet the other requirements, you may be eligible for Chemist in Training (CIT) membership.
- A copy of your degree. The copy may be a photocopy, however the original must be viewed by your guarantor, and then the guarantor must sign the copy certifying that it is a true copy of the original document. As stated on the application form, the guarantor must be a registered professional or a member of the clergy. Registered professionals include, but are not limited to,



Professional Chemists, Professional Engineers, Professional Biologists, Professional Geologists, Professional Agrolologists, Chartered Accountants, and the like.

- Academic transcripts for your degree. If the degree itself specifically indicates that it is a degree in chemistry, and is from a major Canadian or American university the requirements for transcripts may be waived. However, if the degree does not specifically state that it is in chemistry, or if it is from a smaller institution or a foreign institution, transcripts will almost always be required. If you are in doubt, it is best to send the transcripts to minimize delay in the review of your application.
- Any other supporting documentation you think may support your application. In almost all cases the above documentation is generally sufficient, however there may be exceptions. We do not generally need letters of reference from previous employers unless they are specifically requested by the Committee.

CIT Becoming a P.Chem.

Once a CIT has obtained sufficient work experience to transfer to a full membership P.Chem. the applicant should submit the following documentation to our office for review by the Registration Committee.

- A letter indicating that the applicant has now met the work experience requirement for P.Chem. membership and requesting that their membership be upgraded to full.
- A current resume reflecting the updated work experience.

Student Member Becoming a CIT

Once a student member graduates with their degree they must apply for upgraded membership. In most cases the graduate will not have the required work experience to be immediately eligible for full membership, but should be eligible for CIT membership. The student member must apply as per the requirements listed in the above "New Applicant for P.Chem." section, with the exception that they do not have to submit the \$25 application fee since they are already setup in our system.

For all categories, the application documents are reviewed by the Association's Registration Committee that meets approximately every 6 weeks to review all received applications. This committee is currently chaired by Dr. Frank Bachelor. The applicants are generally contacted by email within a week following the meetings to inform them of the status of their application. If the applicant is successful the email will indicate their membership category. Please note that **only full "Professional Chemist" members are entitled to use the "P.Chem." designation.** Full members will all receive a wall certificate and a stamp indicating their membership status, although this may take up to 3 months after being accepted as a full member. People using the "P.Chem." designation when they are not entitled to are potentially subject to legal prosecution. If you are in doubt as to whether you are eligible to use the designation please contact our office.



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Courses of Interest

Privacy Legislation

Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry is running several free courses on "Understanding Privacy Legislation." <http://infosharing.gov.ab.ca/home/index.cfm>

Laboratory Safety

Ottawa - Oct. 21-22

Presented in cooperation with the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology

Course and registration details at www.cheminst.ca/profdev

Job Posting

Attention Employers and HR Professionals!

Job advertisements are posted on the Website for a one-month period and also emailed to the membership. There is a \$100 fee for this service (very reasonable for this highly-targeted audience of professionals). This fee is waived for job advertisements submitted by Professional Chemist (members in good standing) on behalf of their companies. Ads may be emailed directly to the [ACPA Office](#).

Current Job Postings listed at www.pchem.ca.

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