

# Environmental Site Assessor Certification



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## Objectives

- to develop a credible national certification program for environmental site assessors
- to develop a program that provides end users access to qualified environmental site assessors anywhere in Canada



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- Certification process has the support of the banks
- the goal is to have a CCESA as a requirement for all ESAs performed for the banks and other lending institutions
- CIBC and Royal Bank have been approached and support the certification program
- CEAA will petition CBA to get Canada-wide acceptance of the CCESA designation



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- An *adhoc* committee was struck several years ago at the board level
  - members included various consulting groups and Doug Bisset
- At the 2000 strategy session in Calgary it was decided to proceed with the certification program
- Grandparenting criteria were developed and agreed upon in 2001



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### **Grandparenting Criteria**

- 10 years or more of ESA experience
- must conduct or manage a minimum of 20 ESAs/year
- must have conducted or managed at least 100 ESA 's
- must have either a CET or university degree
- must be a CEAA member in good standing
- must have professional errors and omissions insurance
- consideration will be given to certification by AQVE, APEA, or AESAC but does not guarantee grandparenting

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### **Standards / Guidance Documents**

- A BOSK for CEAS's has been developed
- CSA Z768-01 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- ASTM E1527-00 Standard Practice for ESA's: Phase I ESA Process

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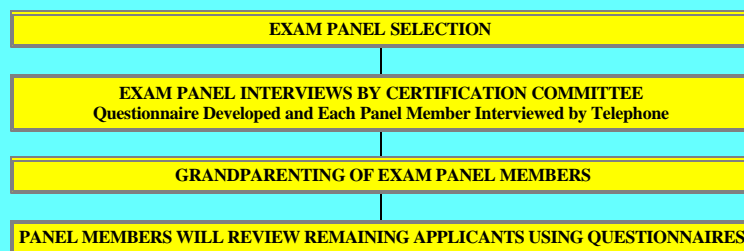
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- Applicants had to provide details of ESA experience with references
- Applicants had to provide proof of professional errors and omissions insurance
- Grandparented individuals have to actively participate in the development of the certification program



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### **Benefits to Stakeholders**

- A nationwide certification program will assure a more credible and standardized product for the clients
- Incumbent upon CEASs to ensure that ESAs are performed in accordance to standards
- May apply a certain amount of pressure on other service providers without CEASs on staff to follow suit

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### **Implications for CEAA**

- will result in a greater revenue stream
- will result in a greater attendance of our technical conferences
- will result in the change of focus of our technical conference



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Thank you

Comments / Questions

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