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1. CECAB Background

- Professionally autonomous board established in 2000 by ECO Canada (formerly CCHREI)
- National, voluntary certification program for people that work in the Canadian environmental sectors
- CCEP designation: Canadian Certified Environmental Practitioner
- CEPIT program: Canadian Environmental Practitioner-in-Training
- Auditing and assessor designations – CEA, CEAS, CEA(SFM)





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1. CECAB Background

- CECAB's certified membership now totals over 1300
- CECAB processes 100 new applications per month
- The CECAB Approvals Board approves 20 new certified individuals per month
- The CECAB Newsletter reaches over 4000 people via e-mail





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2. CEAA-ECO Partnership

Partnership between ECO Canada (formerly the Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry – CCHREI) and the Canadian Environmental Auditing Association (CEAA) to manage auditing certification processes via CECAB's web-based application system.

Benefits:

1. Reduced administrative costs.
2. Reduced application period.
3. Centralized environmental certification in Canada.





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2. CEAA-ECO Partnership

Since July 2004, CECAB has been accepting all new applications for the CEA, CEA(SFM), and CEAS designations.

Members' Site Access:

1. All CEAA certified members can apply for CCEP from the CECAB members' site without having to set up a new account.
2. All CCEPs can apply for auditing without entering in their resume information again.



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2. CEAA-ECO Partnership

AUDITING CERTIFICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Purpose:

- To maintain and propose improvements to the processes used for the CEA, CEA(SFM), CEAS, EMS(A) and EMS(LA) certifications
- To focus on the development and maintenance of auditing certification standards and requirements, relevant auditing ethics, auditing principles and practice standards
- To advise the CECAB Approvals Board on matters with respect to environmental auditing.





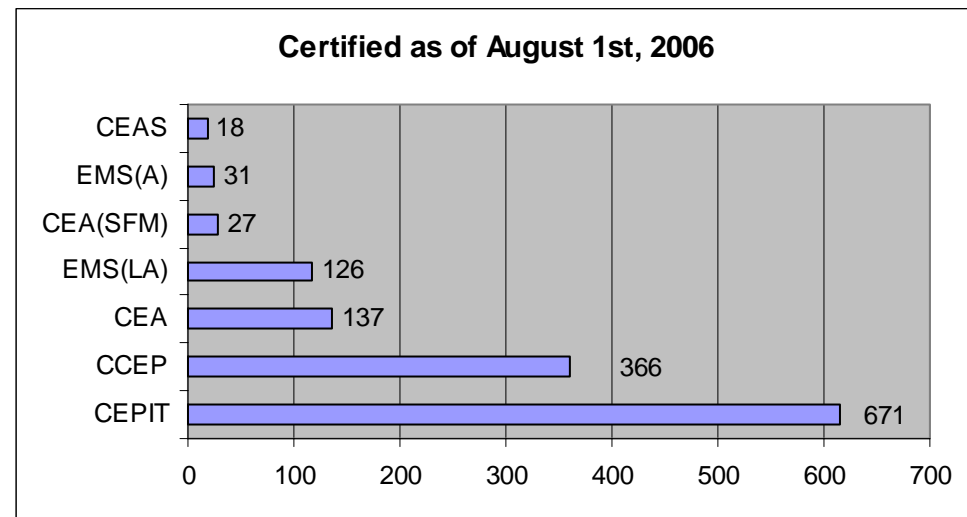
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3. Certification Update

DESIGNATIONS HELD WITH CECAB as of September 30th, 2006

- **CCEP: 366**
- **CEPIT: 671**
- **CEA: 137**
- **CEAS: 18**
- **CEA(SFM): 27**
- **EMS(LA): 126**
- **EMS(A): 31**



- **1,376 current designations held with CECAB!**



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3. Certification Update

Auditing applications since Jan 2006

- 91 application accounts created for an auditing related designation (CEA, CEA(SFM) and CEAS)
- Of the applicants who entered the required number of audit/assessment logs:
 - 54% are certified
 - 46% are in Panel Review or Exam Process





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3. Certification Update

CCEP applications since Jan 2006

- Approximately 250 CCEP applications initiated
- Of the applicants who completed entry of their profile information:
 - **34% are in the self assessment process**
 - **39% are in the peer review process**
 - **25% are now certified**





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3. Certification Update

CECAB activities related to increasing applicant to certified ratio and time frame for applications include:

- 1. Increasing the number of volunteers**
- 2. Simultaneously coordinating Panel Review and Exam writing**
- 3. Consolidating Professional Development entry forms for all designations**
- 4. New Audit log pages under development**
- 5. Ongoing evaluation and changes to the application website based on user feedback**





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3. Certification Update

Panel Reviewers, Exam Proctors and Exam Graders Needed

- CECAB is looking for certified auditors and assessors who would be interested in acting as panel reviewers, exam proctors or exam graders during the certification process for new auditing and assessor candidates.
- CECAB is also looking for certified CCEPs and CEPITs who would be interested in acting as exam proctors during the examination process for new auditing and assessor candidates.





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4. ISO Accreditation

- **Document Review:** CECAB policy and procedure documents for EMS(A) and EMS(LA) certification were reviewed by SCC in March of 2006.
- **Head Office Audit:** The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) conducted their audit on May 2-3, 2006.
- **Corrective Action Requests:** Revised documentation to satisfy CAR's was submitted to the SCC in August and September of 2006.
- **SCC Board Review:** CECAB expects SCC Board Approval of accreditation application by the end of 2006





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5. ECO Canada Update

New Projects of Interest to
CEAA Members





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Canadian Centre for Environmental Education (CCEE)

- Partners
 - Royal Roads University
 - CCEN
 - CUESN
 - ESAC
- Graduate Certificate (30 credits)
- PLAR / FCR



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Environmental Youth Corp (EYC)

- NEYC – Career Focus
- IEYC – Environment Canada
- +30 BEAHR Internships



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ECO Enviro Job Board

- Approximately 120 new jobs posted per month
- Approximately 38,000 resumes on file
 - 750 new resumes per month
- Approximately 200,000 logins per month
- Activity increase by 4% per month



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Environmental Labour Market Information (LMI)

- Contaminated sites demand side study
- Contaminated sites supply side study
- LMI for the Environment Sector
- LMI Atlantic



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ECO Canada Website

www.eco.ca

- 7,000,000 hits per month
- 64,000 registered practitioners
- 4,800 registered employers
- 17,000 registered students
- 4,700 registered educators

Environmental Careers Organization of
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2007 ECO Canada Employer of the Year Awards

- Small companies
- Large companies





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Environment Sector Transition Project

- Data gathering for transition of people from other sectors of the economy to environmental employment.
- Partnership of five (5) other Sector Councils





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BEAHR Implementation

- SWEP
- Environmental Monitors
- BEAHR Calendar Contest

