

Qualification Recognition, Alternative Careers, and Training Options

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What Roles do Agrologists in Canada Perform?



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Agrologists NOC Website

Main Duties

- Provide counselling and advisory services to farmers on crop cultivation and fertilization, harvesting, animal and poultry care, disease prevention, farm management, farm financing, marketing and other agricultural subjects
- Prepare and conduct advisory information sessions and lectures for farmers and other groups
- Conduct research, analyze agricultural data and prepare research reports
- Liaise with researchers, educators and government or business managers on matters pertaining to farming and agriculture
- Maintain records of services provided and the effects of advice given

Employment Requirements

- A bachelor's or master's degree in agriculture or in a related science is required.
- Membership or eligibility for membership in a provincial institute of agrology is usually required





Internationally-Educated Agrologists



Only registered members may practice agrology and are entitled to use the title "Professional Agrologist", "Technical Agrologist", or the initials "P.Ag." or "Tech.Ag." after his/her name.



Registration Process for Agrologists

Steps to Registration

Step 1: Agrologist-in-Training (AIT) Application – fill <u>online form</u> including self-disclosure, employment, and education information. **Application Fee** (\$125) – pay online.

Complete a Credential Education Verification - Application Fee (\$245)- Apply for course-by-course evaluation from World Education Services (include Agrologists Manitoba as the recipient). Note: To self-evaluate your education, please review the entry-to-practice standard education requirements.

Step 2: Review - You will be contacted to discuss a competency assessment and development plan. Your Agrologist-in-Training application package will be forwarded to the Admissions and Registration Committee. All internationally educated Agrologists must complete a competency assessment and development plan as a requirement for registration.

Step 3: Assessment - The Admissions and Registration Committee will assess your Agrologist-in Training application to determine if your education meets Canadian standards.



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Step 4: Decision - You will be informed of the decision made by the Admissions and Registration Committee. If you do not qualify to become registered—you will receive a decision letter that explains the reasons you do not qualify, your right to appeal the decision, and alternative career information, if applicable.

If you qualify and your education assessment is approved for you to become registered, you will either:

- Work on a competency assessment and development plan with guidance from Agrologists Manitoba (includes an interview meeting).
- or, you will be granted an Agrologist-in-Training designation.
- Pay Agrologist-in-Training registration fee
- You may begin Step 5 once you are registered as an Agrologist-in-Training

Step 5: Pursue Full Status

- Complete Jurisprudence & Ethics seminar \$75
- Participate in Annual General Meeting
- Complete 20 Professional Development credits
- Complete the Certification and Mentorship process
- Pay the registration fee \$375



Language Requirements

Registration process conducted in English only



No formal language requirements for registration.



Advanced skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking are strongly advised



All required documents must be translated into English and notarized



What is the Cost and How Long Does the Process Take?

Approximate time to registration: 4 months

Minimum cost: \$690



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Document Checklist

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Competency Development Program (Self-Directed)

Criteria: Applicants that meet the <u>education standard</u> and do not have Canadian agrology-related experience will be directed to participate in the **Competency Development Program.**

- 1. Identify areas where competency development* may be required. Such as, Canadian crop production, Canadian animal production systems, and communication in business. Due to the unique education/work experience/areas of practice for each applicant, areas of competency development must be self-identified.
- 2. Complete and submit <u>Competency Development Plan</u>. Detail proposed steps to become competent in areas identified. This may include (but is not limited to): University/College Courses (in-person or online) University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan or Olds College Agronomy Certificate Program. Industry Programs-Certified Crop Advisory-CCA, Crop Science Consultant-CCSC. Industry Seminars- Crop Diagnostic School (by Manitoba Agriculture)
- 3. Agrologists Manitoba will provide feedback regarding proposed plan via email.
- 4. Complete steps outlined in plan.
- 5. Arrange meeting with Agrologists Manitoba panel to discuss competency development completion.

Upon successful completion of your Competency Development Program, you will be eligible to register as an <u>Agrologist-In-Training</u> (AIT).



Agrologists-in-Training

Training Requirements

- 1. One Year Canadian Experience
- 2. Attend a 2-hour virtual seminar Jurisprudence & Ethics (J&E) Seminar and then complete the online assignment.
- 3. Annual General Meeting Attend meetings to experience governance aspects of registration. They are generally held at the beginning of April.
- 4. Mentorship Certification Form Your mentor must be a registered agrologist with Agrologists Manitoba. If you are looking for a mentor, check the online registry "Find an Agrologist". Once your mentor has agreed to the role, submit their name through your online profile. After mentorship is complete, mentors will complete and submit the Mentor Certification Form.
- 5. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Complete and record 40 hours of Professional Development on your online profile (dashboard). This can include seminars, webinars, courses, or other learning opportunities that contribute to your competency in your field of practice.

Agrologists-in-Training (AIT) to Full Status (P.Ag./Tech.Ag.) - Requirements to gain full status must be completed within a maximum time of two years from the date of your acceptance as an AIT. If you have not completed all the requirements within two years, request an extension (provide reasons). The ARC will review the request and inform you of the decision.



Transfer and Multi-Province Registration

Agrologists Manitoba adheres to mobility obligations in two domestic trade agreements: the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA). These agreements ensure full mobility for full-status, registered agrologists in another Canadian province to have their qualifications recognized by Agrologists Manitoba without undertaking significant additional requirements, such as education, training, or examination.



Professional Licensure Contacts



General Enquiries

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Online https://agrologistsmanitoba.ca/

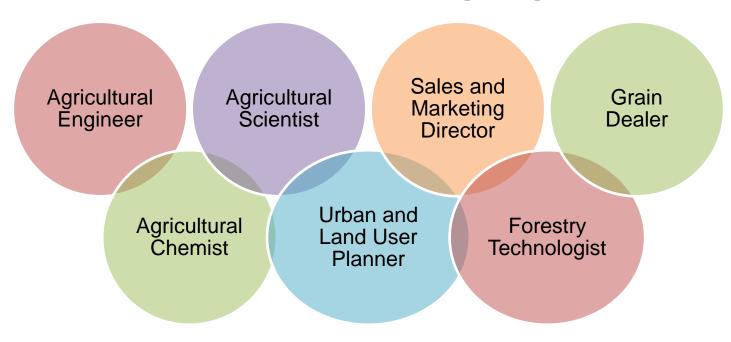


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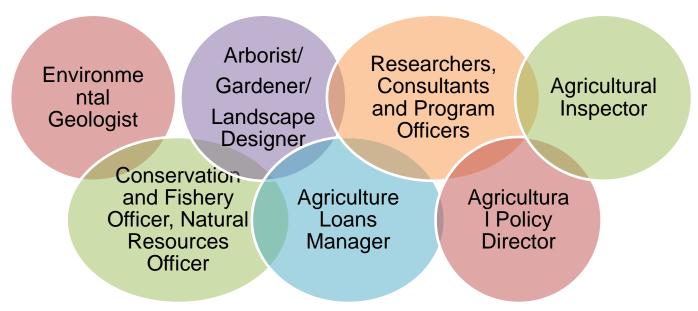


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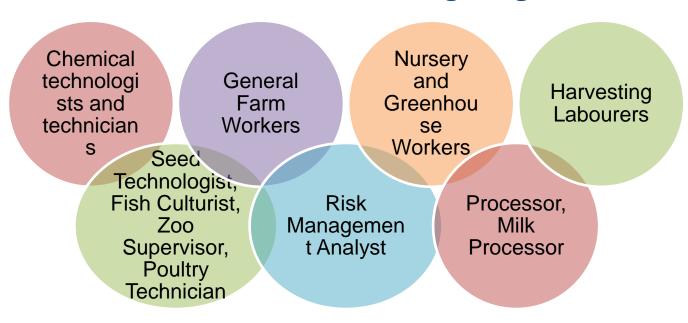


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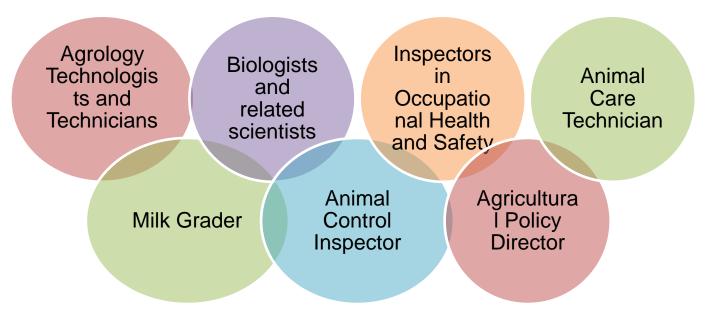


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Training Options for Agrologists

- Diploma in Agriculture The University of Manitoba. Duration:
 2 years full-time.
- Entomology The University of Manitoba. Duration: 2 years fulltime.

- Science Laboratory
 Technology Red River
 College. Duration: 2-year full-time.
- Bachelor of Science
 (Agriculture) in Animal
 Systems –The University of
 Manitoba. Duration: 4-year fulltime.



Training Options for Engineers

- Bachelor of Science
 (Agribusiness) The University
 of Manitoba. Duration: 4 years.
- Business Management,
 Agriculture Diploma The
 University of Manitoba. Duration:
 2 years
- Bachelor of Science
 (Agriculture) in Plant
 Biotechnology The University
 of Manitoba. Duration: 4 years.
- Advanced Diploma in Agriculture – Assiniboine Community College. Duration: 1 year.



Career Planning Can Help You

Enter the workforce

Plan for education

Deal with changing workplace demands

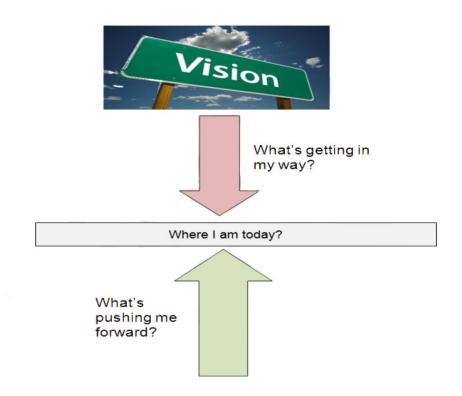
Anticipate trends or changes

Upgrade or maintain your skills

Develop skills for managing your career



Reflecting on Barriers and Strengths





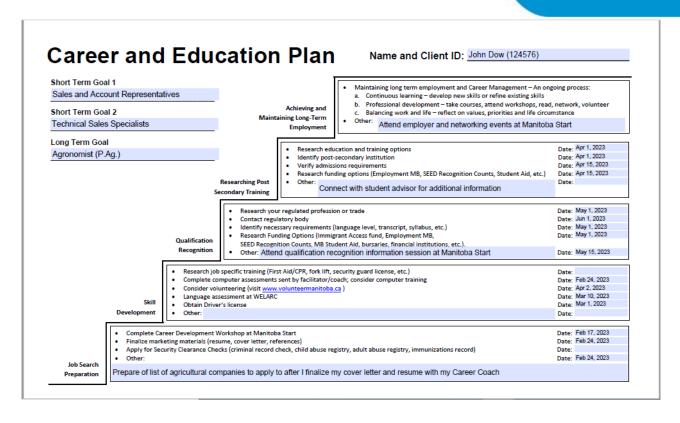
Setting Short and Long-term Goals

Set SMART Goals What? When? How?

How much time do you have to complete each step?

What resources might you need? Who can help?





Thank you!



If you require additional information about qualification recognition, please contact your Career Coach.

If you are not currently a Manitoba Start client, register with us:

- Call front desk at 204-944-8833
- Visit in person
- Complete our online <u>registration form</u> to receive career development support.

Good luck with your career planning and work search!