

**APGNS Policy Regarding Continuing Professional Development
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INTRODUCTION

The following reflects the current policy and practice of the Association based on and applied under the *Geoscience Profession Act of 2002* and the by-laws of the Association. Council has approved the following procedures as policy, originally as an addendum to the by-laws of the Association.

This policy and procedure document is intended as an addendum to the current by-laws of the Association and reflects the currently accepted procedures as well as the by-laws under development for the revised *Geoscience Profession Act* and *Geoscience Practice Regulations*. Where accuracy is critical, please consult the current *Geoscience Profession Act* and the by-laws of the Association.

DEFINITIONS

Act – means the *Geoscience Profession Act*.

By-laws – means the by-laws of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia (Geoscientists Nova Scotia, APGNS or the Association) currently in force under the Act.

Council – means the Council of the Association.

Registrar – means the Registrar of the Association as appointed by the Council of the Association.

Registrant – means a registered member, licensee, member-in-training (MIT), or authorized holder of a corporate Certificate of Authorization.

Secretary – means the Secretary of the Association as appointed by the Council of the Association.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All members and licensees, unless exempted by a resolution of Council, are required to annually demonstrate compliance with the Continuing Professional Development and Competency Assurance Program as established by Council and in the form and format approved by Council.

The Continuing Professional Development and Competency Assurance Program includes compliance with the required number of professional development hours as well as confirmation, through professional development activities, that the member or licensee is practicing in his/her area of geoscience competence and in compliance with the Code of Ethics.

In the case where the member or licensee is registered as a member-in-good standing with another similarly constituted professional geoscience regulatory organization acceptable to the Registrar, a duplicate copy of the CPD report to the home Association may be submitted in compliance with the APGNS CPD requirement.