

Policy Name:	Continuing Professional Development		
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INTRODUCTION

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia ('APGNS') has a legislated mandate, under the *Geoscience Profession Act*¹, 2002, c. 7, s. 1, to regulate the practice of geoscience in Nova Scotia and to register professional geoscientists in accordance with the APGNS By-laws, policies and procedures.

This policy and procedure document is an addendum to the current *Geoscience Profession Act* (2002) and By-laws of the APGNS and reflects the currently accepted procedures. Where accuracy is critical, please consult the *Geoscience Profession Act* and the By-laws of APGNS.

DEFINITIONS

Act – means the Geoscience Profession Act.

By-laws – means the by-laws of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia currently in force under the Act.

Council – means the Council of the APGNS.

Registrar – means the Registrar of the APGNS 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.

¹ <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/geosprof.htm> (November 2025)

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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

In lieu of an APGNS CPD report, License-to-Practice registrants may submit a duplicate copy of the CPD report submitted to the home Association to meet the APGNS CPD requirement.

It is the intent of the Atlantic regulators to align their reporting systems so that Registrants will only need to report to their home jurisdiction if they are registered with multiple Atlantic regulators. A copy may be requested by APGNS to confirm compliance with the requirements.

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