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CIQS and CCA agreement offers members an opportunity to expand their horizons

Markham, ON, May 18, 2021 – On April 29, 2021, the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) and the Canadian Construction Association's (CCA) Gold Seal Certification program signed a renewed reciprocity agreement. This re-commitment enables CIQS members holding the Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) and Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designations to be automatically accepted into the Gold Seal Certification program. Upon applying for the GSC, CEC members will be required to challenge the Gold Seal exam for estimators, whereas PQS designations will be accepted as GSC Estimators without any additional testing or experience requirements.

"CIQS and CCA share a vision to enable our members to get the recognition they deserve for their commitment to professional excellence," said Mary Van Buren, CCA president. "Our renewed agreement will continue to open doors for more people."

Similarly, CCA members who are Gold Seal Certified Estimators will have their CEC designation applications automatically accepted without the requirement of any additional testing. Should they wish to go further and gain their PQS designation, they can become direct finalists by having most educational subjects and diaries exempted.

"I am excited to be working with the team at CCA to promote a unified standard for construction economics in Canada through the re-signing of this agreement. Allowing our designated members to more easily take advantage of each others' certifications makes our profession as a whole stronger and more resilient. While others dream about building great things, the GSC, CEC and PQS make that dream a reality by always keeping fiscal responsibility top of mind," responded Sheila Lennon, CIQS chief executive officer, when asked how she felt this agreement would benefit the profession.

The [Gold Seal Certification program](#) offers a national standard for construction management and is managed by the Canadian Construction Association. Eligible applicants must meet specific experience and training criteria in order to be approved to challenge the Gold Seal exam which requires individuals to prove having essential competencies regardless of company field, size, or location.

The Construction Estimator Certified and Professional Quantity Surveyor designations are managed by the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and uphold the ethics and standards for construction and infrastructure economics in Canada. To gain a [CIQS designation](#), applicants must successfully complete the Test of Professional Experience (TPE), which may include various stages of exams, structured training and a professional interview.

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