



Canadian Construction Association
Gold Seal Certification
Association canadienne de la construction
Certification Sceau d'or



**Canadian Institute of
Quantity Surveyors**
Institut canadien des
économistes en construction

**CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION
and
CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS
CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) and the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) see benefits to members of both organizations in establishing a Certification Agreement by which to streamline the certification path in estimating; and

WHEREAS the CCA Gold Seal Certification Program has estimator certification (GSC); and

WHEREAS the CIQS has a Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) and Professional Quantity Surveyors (PQS) designations for the Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical fields;

The CCA and the CIQS agree as follows:

1. CCA will automatically accept individuals who have the Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) designation, a current letter of reference and have completed the Construction Industry Ethics course into the Gold Seal Program. With the above requirements met, CCA will allow them to directly challenge the Gold Seal exam for estimators.
2. CCA will automatically accept individuals who have the Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designation as fully qualified to be certified as Gold Seal Certified estimators without further examination or additional experience requirements.
3. CIQS will automatically accept Gold Seal Certified estimators as fully qualified to be certified as CIQS Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) upon application and successful completion of the By-laws, Rules, Regulations and Ethics portion of the CIQS Test of Professional Experience (TPE), Practice Problem exam.
4. CIQS will in turn allow Gold Seal Certified estimators to attain the CIQS Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designation by successfully completing the Direct Final Examinations 302, 303, 304, 308, 309, the full Practice Problem exam of the CIQS Test of Professional Experience (TPE), and the professional interview, according to the CIQS Routes to Membership.
5. That the internal rules and procedures for certification within the respective programs will apply to such candidates including any applicable fees and processing requirements. This information will be made available to the candidates in the normal manner.
6. Either party may terminate this agreement without cause upon giving the other three (3) months notice in writing of its intent to terminate.

Signed this 11th day of March, 2024 in Ontario, Canada

Canadian Construction Association per:

Mary Van Buren

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CCA President

Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors per:

Arif Ghaffur

Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F)
CIQS Chair