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Q1

Please indicate which regulator you are and your main point of contact should we require follow up.

Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) Eilidh Lewis, Deputy Registrar (Acting Registrar)

Q2	No
Section 1 - During the reporting period (January 1st– December 31st, 2021), please indicate if your organization has introduced any changes in the following areas impacting your registration processes by clicking on each of the appropriate boxes below.Registration requirements either through regulation, by-law or policy.	
Q3	No
New or consolidated class of certificates or licenses	
Q4	No
Assessment of qualifications	
Q5	No
Timelines for registration, decisions and/or responses	
Q6	No
Registration and assessment fees	
Q7	No
Resources for applicants	

Q8 Changes to internal review or appeal process	No
Q9 Access by applicants to their records	Νο
Q10 Mutual recognition agreements	Νο
Q11 Training and resources for staff regarding registration	Νο
Q12 Relationship with third party service provider(s)	No
Q13 Accreditation of educational programs	No
Q14 Technological or digital improvements	Νο
Q15 Anti-racism and inclusion-based policies and practices	Yes, Description of Change/Improvement that would impact Fair Registration Outcomes: PGO formed a Diversity and Inclusion Committee in late 2020, which was later made a standing committee as of September 16, 2021. The webpage for the diversity and inclusion committee was launched in early 2021, https://www.pgo.ca/diversity-inclusion. Training was made available to all staff and volunteers under the topics of the fundamentals of diversity and inclusion, and unconscious bias, during the summer of 2021. A survey was also prepared and sent to registrants and stakeholders with an aim to understanding the challenges that are faced by professionals in the geoscience industry, the report can be viewed at https://www.pgo.ca/uploaded/files/events/pgo- 2021-diversity-and-inclusion-survey-report.pdf.
Q16	No

Organizational structure

Q17 Contingency or continuity of operations plans	No
Q18 Documentation requirements for registration	No
Q19 English / French language proficiency testing	No
Q20 Section 2 – If applicable, please list your organization's top three accomplishments during the reporting period that relate to fair registration practices.	Respondent skipped this question
Q21 Section 3 – If applicable, please list the top three risks that impacted your organization's ability to achieve better registration outcomes for applicants during the reporting period. Please also indicate the measures you have taken to mitigate the impacts of these risks.	Respondent skipped this question

Section 4 – Do you believe that you have a Canadian Experience Requirement (CER)? If so, please describe the applicant competencies that you seek to develop through this requirement in the comment box below CER: work experience or experiential training obtained in Canada.

Yes,

Other (please specify):

All those being considered for registration as full practising professional geoscientists must have at least 12 months of Canadian, or equivalent, work experience. PGO does accept work experience from other countries, however, the applicant must have at least 12 months of experience from a Canadian, or equivalent, work environment. The reasons for this requirement are: A. To make sure that the applicant can comply with relevant legislation, regulations and statutory reporting requirements. B. Apply ethical principles. C. Maintain constructive working relationships. D. Respond to obligations and responsibilities to the public, to the natural environment, to clients, and to employers. E. Contribute to health and safety in the workplace. F. Deliver and comprehend oral and written communication.

Q23 QUANTITATIVE SECTION The following quantitative information is collected for the purpose of discerning statistical changes and trends related to a regulator's membership, application volumes, licensure/certification results, and appeals year over year. Languages Indicate the languages in which you make available application materials and information about the application process.	English	
Q24 Membership Data Demographics Data As of December 31, 2021, please indicate the number of members in each gender category identified below and the number of total members.	Total Male Total Female Total Non-binary Gender not provided Overall Total	2371 866 0 7 3244
Q25 In relation to your members: Do you collect race-based data?	No	
Q26 Do you collect other identity-based or demographics data?	Yes, Other (please specify): We collect country of birth a	nd citizenship information.
Q27 Do you plan to collect race-based data in the future?	No	
Q28 Class of License/Certificate Data As of December 31, of the reporting year, please indicate the number of members under each class or license category as applicable.	Full/Independent Practice Provisional/Limited License/Certificate Emergency License/Certificate All other classes Overall Total	2349 81 0 814 3244

Jurisdiction where members were initially trainedAs of December 31, of the reporting year, please indicate the membership type and total number of registered members for each category listed below.

Ontario	Practising – 1366, non-practising – 154, limited practising – 58, GIT – 388, Total – 1966.
Other Canadian Provinces and Territories	Practising – 491, non-practising – 68, limited practising – 6, GIT – 47, Total – 612.
USA	Practising – 76, non-practising – 4, limited practising – 3, GIT – 3, Total – 86.
Other Countries	Practising – 416, non-practising – 53, limited practising – 14, GIT – 97, Total – 580.
Multiple and/or Unspecified Jurisdiction	n/a
Total	Practising – 2349, non-practising – 279, limited practising – 81, GIT – 535, Total – 3244.

Q30

Please indicate the total number of registered members for the top 12 international countries or jurisdictions where these individuals obtained their initial education in the profession or trade.

1	UK - 70	
2	China - 41	
3	India - 41	
4	Iran - 40	
5	Brazil - 31	
6	South Africa - 31	
7	Australia - 23	
8	Russia - 21	
9	Germany - 18	
10	France - 17	
11	Nigeria - 14	
12	Philippines - 14	
Q31	Total Male	224
Applications Data Demographics Data Indicate the number	Total Female	120
of applicants who filed an application between January 1	Total Non-binary	0
and December 31 of the reporting year, in each applicable	Gender not provided	0
category.	Overall Total	344

In relation to the applications, you received:Do you collect race-based data?

Q33

Do you collect other identity-based or demographics data?

Q34

Category of Applicants Number of applicants who voluntarily or involuntarily (through inactive and lapsed applications) withdrew from the application process between January 1 and December 31, 2021:

0

Q35 Please indicate the total number of applicants from Ontario who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for the following categories as applicable.	Number of Applicants Number of Applicants Licensed/Certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	169 130 9 4
Q36 Please indicate the total number of applicants from Canadian provinces and territories (excluding Ontario) who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the following categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	76 63 8 3

No

Yes,

If yes, please indicate the type: : We collect country of birth and citizenship information.

Q37 Please indicate the total number of certificate-to-certificate (labour mobility) applicants who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	62 62 1
Q38 Please indicate the total number of applicants from international jurisdictions (not including USA) who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	79 51 12 6
Q39 Please indicate the total number of applicants from multiple and/or jurisdictions not specified who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	0 0 0

Q40 Please indicate the total number of applicants from accredited Canadian post-secondary institutions who filed an application between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	0 0
Q41 Please indicate the total number of applicants who re- registered after withdrawing from the application process between January 1 and December 31, 2021 for each of the categories as applicable.	Number of applicants Number of applicants fully licensed/certified Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from First Point of Applicant Contact Average Time to Process Application in Weeks from Receipt of all Required Documents	0 0 0

Please provide any additional comments you may have for questions 33-41.

Q.40. There are no accredited geoscience degrees in Canada.

Jurisdiction where applicants obtained their initial educationPlease indicate the total number of applicants for the top 12 international countries or jurisdiction where applicants obtained their initial education in the profession or trade.

1	Iran - 8
2	Brazil - 7
3	India - 6
4	Nigeria - 6
5	Philippines - 6
6	Australia - 4
7	China - 4
8	Pakistan - 3
9	Argentina - 2
10	Cameroon - 2
11	Columbia - 2
12	Egypt - 2

Q44

Processing Time As of December 31, 2021, how many full licenses/certificates did your organization issue?

107 full practising certificates were issued in 2021.

Q45	0 – less than 3 months	103
Please indicate the total number of applicants who received full licensure/certification between January 1 and	3 months – less than 6 months	2
December 31, 2021, according to the following timelines.	6 months – less than 12 months	2
	12 months – less than 18 months	0
	18 months – less than 24 months	0
	24 months and greater	0

Q46

Age of Active Applications As of December 31, 2021 what were the total number of active applications in your case inventory?

24 open applications as of December 31, 2021.

Please provide a breakdown (and total) of active applications according to the length of time (age) that they have been open.

0 – less than 3 months	3
3 months – less than 6	9
months	
6 months – less than 12	12
months	
12 months – less than 18	0
months	
18 months – less than 24	0
months	
24 months and greater	0
TOTAL	24

Q48

Other Licenses/Certificates of Registration ProcessedPlease indicate the number of applicants who were issued an alternative class of license* that your organization processed in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021).Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.* An alternative class of license/certificate enables the holder to practice with limitations, but additional requirements must be met for the member to be fully licensed/certified.

Ontario	91
Other Canadian Provinces	19
and Territories	
Certificate to Certificate	0
(Labour Mobility)	
USA	0
Other International	24
Multiple and/or Unspecified	0
Jurisdictions	
TOTAL	134

0

Q49

0 Other Canadian Provinces Other Licenses/Certificates of Registration and Territories ProcessedPlease indicate the number of applications, If Certificate to Certificate 0 applicable, who were issued an emergency license/certificate that your organization processed in the (Labour Mobility) reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). Enter the USA 0 data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially Other International 0 trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use Multiple and/or Unspecified 0 of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario. Jurisdictions TOTAL 0

Ontario

Q50

Other Licenses/Certificates of Registration ProcessedPlease indicate the number of Provisional license/certificate or alternative class of license/certificate holders who were fully licensed/certified by your organization which were processed in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.

Ontario Other Canadian Provinces	0 0
and Territories	
Certificate to Certificate	0
(Labour Mobility)	
USA	0
Other International	0
Multiple and/or Unspecified	0
Jurisdictions	
TOTAL	0

Number of Reviews and Appeals Processed State the number of reviews and appeals that your organization processed in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). For applicants who were subject to an internal review or who were referred to a statutory committee of your governing council, such as a Registration Committee. Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.

Ontario	1
Other Canadian Provinces	0
USA	0
OtherCountries	0
Multiple and/or Unspecified	0
Countries	
TOTAL	1

Q52 State the number of reviews and appeals that your organization processed in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). For applicants who initiated an appeal of a registration decision. Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.	Ontario Other Canadian Provinces USA OtherCountries Multiple and/or Unspecified Countries TOTAL	1 0 0 0 0
Q53 State the number of reviews and appeals heard in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.	Ontario Other Canadian Provinces USA OtherCountries Multiple and/or Unspecified Countries TOTAL	1 0 0 0 0
Q54 State the number of registration decisions changed following an appeal and/or review that your organization processed in the reporting year (January 1-December 31, 2021). Enter the data by the jurisdiction where applicants were initially trained in the profession, i.e. before they were granted use of the protected title or professional designation in Ontario.	Ontario Other Canadian Provinces USA OtherCountries Multiple and/or Unspecified Countries TOTAL	0 0 0 0 0

Q55

List the top three reason for appeals (by percentage) of a registration decision

1	Did not meet the work experience requirements (50%)
2	Did not meet the educational requirements (50%)

List the top five reasons (by percentage) for not Issuing a License/Certification to Internationally Trained Individuals

1	Did not meet the education requirements (75%)
2	Did not the work experience requirements (25%)

Q57

List the top Five Reasons (by percentage) for not Issuing a License/Certification to Canadian Graduates

1	Did not meet the education requirements (95%)
2	Did not the work experience requirements (5%)

Q58

Please provide any additional comments you may have:

Q51, 52 and 53 refer to 1 appeal that was submitted, reviewed and heard in 2021.