

TILMA Syllabus & Application Information

The agreement between the Association of BC Land Surveyors (ABCLS) and the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA) came into force on January 1, 2009. This agreement requires that all land surveyors in Alberta applying to obtain a commission as a BC land surveyor must complete the following requirements and must pass a jurisdictional examination of 4 hours duration or less.

All applicants for admission must:

- 1 Register as a Land Surveyor Associate (LSA)
 - a Application forms can be found on the ABCLS website at - http://www.abcls.ca/cms/?page_id=252
 - b Pay the applicable fees.
- 2 Make application to write the exams
 - a The application form is attached to this document;
 - b Pay the applicable exam fees when filing the application to write;
 - c Provide proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident of Canada.

In preparation for writing the exams the candidate should review the existing exams found at the following URL - http://www.abcls.ca/?page_id=268. The Jurisdictional Exam will be a composite of the Statute & Regulation Exams Parts 1 & 2 and the Practical Surveying Exam Part 2. It is recommended that candidates make themselves familiar with the last 3 years of these exams. Older exams are likely to be out of date due to a number of changes in the professional entry process but they may provide helpful information.

The exam content is listed on the pages found at the following URLs:

http://www.abcls.ca/cms/?page_id=414

http://www.abcls.ca/cms/?page_id=418

Copies of statutes and regulations can be found on the Queens Printer website at - <http://www.bclaws.ca/>

The General Survey Instruction Rules can be found at - http://www.abcls.ca/?page_id=28#GSI

Updates to the General Survey Instruction Rules can be found at - http://www.abcls.ca/?page_id=28#GSI

Books and information relating to the Practical Surveying Part 2 exam can be found at - http://www.abcls.ca/?page_id=471

Examination Process

Once a candidate applies to write the examination and pays all applicable fees, the ABCLS will arrange for a location for that person to write the exam. The exam location will in most cases be near to where the candidate is located. There may be some travel required.

All jurisdictional exams will be online exams. A userid, password and the URL will be provided by email and the candidate will have 4 hours from when they first log on to complete the exam. All responses to the questions will be text answers and will not be multiple choice. Most questions will require a subjective answer. If the candidate does not complete the exam within 4 hours the exam will automatically submit itself and thank the candidate for writing.

The exams are open book exams but due to limited time to complete the exam the candidate will not have a lot of time to look answers up.

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