

ADDENDUM to IMPORTANT Notification to Interns and Students – New Procedures to be Implemented as of June 30, 2015 by S.E. Sankar, P.Eng., Director of Admissions, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba
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Thank you for the feedback that we have received regarding the two new procedures which are being implemented at the Experience Review Committee. Please review this along with the original notification that was sent out on January 31, 2015.

In reference to the notification, regarding some new ERC procedures, here are some of your questions, and the answers:

1. Does the new procedure allow the counting of Master's based degrees obtained OUTSIDE of Canada?

Answer: No. This only applies to Canadian based Master's degrees (research based). This is not to imply that there are not other degrees in the world that are at a high level. However, educational institutions vary widely around the world, and while we can have reasonable knowledge and confidence in a Master's program at a Canadian university, it is impossible to have reasonable knowledge of a Master's based program elsewhere. Foreign-trained applicants who are having their experience reviewed may, if they wish, get credit for their Master's but they must do it using the 'old way' – i.e. reports with the post-graduate allocation table completed. For many people, especially those who have had a lot of experience in their home country or elsewhere, it will not be necessary or advisable to try to claim credit for a Master's since that experience would have been completed a while ago and it would be preferable to submit reports on the more current experience. The ERC wants to make sure that the experience is current.

2. Before June 30, 2015, can I still get credit for Master's (Research based) by submitting a report and completing the post-graduate allocation table?

Answer: Yes, you can, but in most cases, it would not be advised. It is rare for anyone to get more than 12 months for Master's credit. Depending on the quality of the report, the credit may even be less. Up to June 30th, however, it is up to you. Please indicate that this is your intent by sending an email to Chantelle at ccabral@apegm.mb.ca – subject header: **claiming for M.Sc. credit the old way**. If you choose to do it the old way and it is reviewed by the ERC, you will no longer have the option of doing this the new way (if for example, you don't like the outcome).

3. What if my supervisor is slow to submit his comments or my file doesn't go to the agenda until after June 30?

Answer: We are going by the date of submittal of YOUR report, not your supervisor's or mentor's. If the date of submittal of YOUR report is before June 30th then it can be considered under the 'old system' if you wish. I would ask that you try not to leave everything until June 30th if you can help it however.

4. Regarding pre-grad work, if I have a pre-grad report that I have not yet submitted and more than 18 months has gone by since graduation, may I still submit it?

Answer: Yes, but you have until June 30th to submit it and claim for the time. Again, we will go by the date of YOUR submittal.

5. May I submit my M.Sc. graduation diploma right away?

Answer: Yes, you may submit it to Chantelle at ccabral@apegm.mb.ca in *.pdf format. Please also submit the day you STARTED your Master's program and the day you COMPLETED your Master's program. We will post these, but NOT right away, so please be patient. As with any new procedure, it's important to make sure that we cover all our contingencies and do not end up having to 'un-do' a lot of work because there was some issue that wasn't previously considered.

We realize that Interns and students all have very different situations and it is impossible to make procedures that are going to be absolutely perfect for everyone. We believe however, that these new procedures will benefit most.

Thanks for your feedback, and please let me know if you have any additional questions by sending an email to Sharon Sankar at ssankar@apegm.mb.ca . Please use the header: **Master's and Pre-graduate Credit**.

Sincerely,

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