

# Memorandum of Understanding

**BETWEEN** The Board of Examiners for Canada Lands Surveyors (BECLS), the Western Canadian Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (WCBELS) and the Atlantic Provinces Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (APBELS), together known as the parties.

**OBJECTIVE** The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote co-operation amongst the parties by adopting a common core syllabus for use by the parties based on the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors *Board of Examiners Co-ordinating Committee* policy **Accreditation and Reciprocity for Land Surveyors in Canada - A Proposal for Change** approved May 1996.

**SCOPE** The Memorandum of Understanding covers a common core syllabus being Schedules I, II and parts of Schedule III as listed in the attached "Annex A" and identified in the aforementioned policy. These schedules may be amended from time to time to reflect the needs of the profession upon agreement by all the parties.

**AGREEMENT** Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to the following areas of co-operation.

Representatives of the parties will on a yearly, or more frequent basis as necessary, consult to:

1. Identify and adopt common rules and criteria for the assessment of qualifications and granting of exemptions for candidates of the parties.
2. Make any changes to Schedules I, II and III course descriptions, textbooks and reference books; which changes will be agreed upon by the parties.
3. Select, as needed, suitable persons to act as Special Examiners. A guiding principle will be to select Special Examiners to achieve equal regional representation by the parties. The selected persons will then be recommended by the BECLS for appointment as Special Examiners by the Minister of the Department of Natural Resources Canada.

The WCBELS and the APBELS will:

1. Direct all their candidates to write the BECLS examinations at the regular BECLS examination sittings in February of each year.
2. Pay to the BECLS (Receiver General of Canada) the fees as indicated on the attached "Annex B".

The BECLS will:

1. Accommodate all candidates of WCBELS and APBELS at the BECLS examination centres.
2. Maintain at least one examination centre in each province governed by the WCBELS and the APBELS and in any other centre deemed necessary by consensus of the parties.
3. Arrange for the marking of all examinations written by the WCBELS and the APBELS candidates. The marks of their respective candidates will be sent to the appropriate Board for comments and/or approval. The marks will then be released by each party to its respective candidates.

**TERMINATION  
OF THE  
AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by:

1. Any of the parties giving notice at least ten months prior to the commencement of joint annual examinations, or
2. Mutual agreement by the parties to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

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for WCBELS

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for APBELS

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for BECLS

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February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1997  
date

# ANNEX "A"

## SCHEDULE I - TECHNICAL FUNDAMENTALS

Mathematics  
Physics  
Probability and Statistics  
Computer Science  
Effective Communication

## SCHEDULE II - GEOMATICS FUNDAMENTALS

Principles of Geomatics  
Data Analysis and Estimation  
Data Base Management  
Cadastral Studies  
Land Information Systems

## SCHEDULE III - ELECTIVES

Advanced Surveying  
Remote Sensing  
Geodetic Positioning  
Survey Law  
Business: Law, Administration and Economics  
Professional Affairs and Ethics  
Land Economy & Administration  
Earth Sciences

Photogrammetry  
Cartography and Map Projections  
Hydrography  
Land Planning  
Land Management/GIS  
Municipal Engineering  
Survey Applications

## ANNEX "B"

Fees to be paid to the BECLS for the purpose of writing the BECLS examinations:

1. each examination      \$50.00
2. each appeal            \$50.00