

Licensing of persons admitted to membership from accounting bodies outside of Canada

- (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections 7B(2) and (3), an authorized designated body may adopt by-laws or regulations or policies to permit admission to membership in the authorized designated body, for the purpose of qualifying a person who is a member in good standing of an accounting body outside of Canada to be a licensee.
- (2) The Council must approve the policies and procedures established by the authorized designated body for:
 - (a) assessing the standards applicable to accounting bodies in other countries to determine whether the standards applicable to such bodies are substantially equivalent to these standards;
 - (b) determining the appropriate recognition that may be granted to the members of any such body by means of exemption from or reduction of any of the qualification requirements of the authorized designated body.
- (3) In respect of an accounting body outside of Canada, any by-laws or regulations or policies for the purpose of Section 7B(1) shall require that an authorized designated body satisfy the Council that:
 - (a) there are standards applicable to the accounting body outside of Canada that have been assessed by the authorized designated body as being substantially equivalent to Standards 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11 of these Standards; and
 - (b) the accounting body outside of Canada has entered into a mutual recognition agreement with the authorized designated body that meets the requirements of international agreements to which Canada is a party or signatory.
- (4) Despite the provisions of Section 7B(3):
 - (a) an authorized designated body shall not grant a licence under this Section to any member of an accounting body outside of Canada who has not successfully completed the accounting body outside of Canada's normal qualification requirements, including the normal qualifying examination for public accounting within the meaning of the term used in the Act;
 - (b) an authorized designated body may grant a licence to any member of an accounting body outside of Canada who has not completed, while registered with or as a member of that other body, the pre-licensing experience required under Sections 4(4) and (5), or who has completed the requirements in part, provided such person completes public accounting experience in an approved training office in Ontario as prescribed by the authorized designated body that ensures that the requirements of these standards have been fulfilled;
 - (c) an authorized designated body shall require a member of an accounting body outside of Canada to successfully complete an examination(s) or evaluation(s) prescribed by the authorized designated body and approved by the Council that demonstrate(s) that the person possesses sufficient knowledge of the generally

accepted accounting principles applicable to non-public corporations and organizations in Canada for certain Canadian sectors and the rules of professional conduct prescribed in these standards, and of Canadian tax and business law, to be able to practise public accounting in Ontario.

- (5) In respect of an accounting body outside of Canada to which Section 7B(3) does not apply, an authorized designated body shall require members of that body who are admitted to membership in the authorized designated body to meet the requirements of Sections 2 to 6 of these standards to become a licensee.
- (6) For the purposes of the application of Section 7B to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, which was the qualifying body under the *Public Accountancy Act*:
 - (a) the policies and procedures that existed on June 9, 2004 for assessing the standards of accounting bodies in other countries shall be continued and may be amended, subject to Council approval;
 - (b) all determinations it made regarding such other accounting bodies shall be continued;
 - (c) any mutual recognition agreements with accounting bodies outside of Canada to which it is a party shall be continued unless terminated in accordance with its terms; and
 - (d) the reciprocity examination it established as a requirement for applicants from accounting bodies outside of Canada to whom the provisions of Sections 7B(3) and (4) apply, shall be continued and may be amended, subject to Council approval.