



Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada

TORONTO, July 24, 2018 — The Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada (ACESC) welcomes recent developments regarding Canada's ratification of the 1997 [Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region](#) (Lisbon Recognition Convention — LRC).

ACESC took part in extensive consultations, led by the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC), and supported the adoption of the LRC and the implementation of best practices in the assessment and recognition of international academic credentials by competent recognition authorities in Canada—educational institutions, professional regulatory authorities and associations, immigration authorities, and employers.

The [Pan-Canadian Quality Assurance Framework for the Assessment of International Academic Credentials](#) (QAF) was developed by CICIC in collaboration with ACESC, and the policies and procedures of all members comply with QAF's 41 principles and recommendations within their respective organizations. ACESC also supported the development of CICIC's Assessor Portal—[Assessor.CICIC.ca](#)—which features tools and resources used by the pan-Canadian community of academic credential assessors.

In accordance with QAF and the LRC, members of ACESC issue [assessment reports for general purposes](#) to outline expert, non-binding opinions on the assessment of academic credentials issued outside Canada. These reports are widely used by competent recognition authorities in Canada that require assistance with document authentication and comparability procedures. In turn, competent recognition authorities use the ACESC reports to inform their binding decisions on internationally educated applicants seeking to settle in Canada to work or study. ACESC has supported millions of internationally educated individuals seeking fair evaluation of their academic credentials throughout Canada.

ACESC has six members: the Comparative Education Service (CES); the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS); the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS); the International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES); the *ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion du Québec (MIDI)*; and World Education Services (WES) Canada.

CICIC is a unit of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), and is Canada's national information centre under UNESCO conventions related to the recognition of qualifications. It assists in the adoption of best practices set by these conventions and functions as ACESC's Secretariat. The precursor of ACESC was the Provincial Assessment Committee (PAC), a CMEC committee formed in the mid-1990s to assist in fulfilling Canada's obligations under the LRC.

For more information, visit the ACESC Web site at [CanAlliance.org](#). CICIC also provides an [FAQ](#) on the LRC.

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