

Canadian Hydrographer Certification Scheme Recognized

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) has developed a certification model for hydrographers and offshore surveyors which has been officially recognized by the IHO/FIG/ICA International Board of Standards and Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) in April of 2016 and is now ready to receive applications.

The ACLS scheme is the second internationally recognized scheme in the world. The scheme is designed to promote IBSC-Accredited Category A or B training in Canada, while standardizing knowledge and experience requirements for individuals possessing non-accredited hydrographic surveying training and experience.

The ACLS Program has two levels of Certification. The first level is for project leaders and managers and the second level is for technologist. Each level has a variety of itineraries towards certification. There are paths available in both Level 1 and 2 for non-holders of IBSC-Accredited Category A or B training to become certified. The ACLS Certification program is open to both ACLS-commissioned and non-commissioned hydrographic and offshore surveyors in Canada and abroad.

Certification by a hydrographic or offshore surveyor is desirable because as follows:

- Certification provides a formally recognized and structured career path for the hydrographic or offshore surveyor.
- Establishes the hydrographic or offshore surveyor's level of expertise and competency.
- Ensures the hydrographic or offshore surveyor is aware of the changing technologies in these sectors.
- Provides the certificate holder with an enhanced profile within their industry.
- Prepares the hydrographic or offshore surveyor for the next global expansion in these sectors.

The ACLS is a national, bilingual, self-regulated, non-governmental professional organization with jurisdiction over Canada's Offshore Lands. The ACLS promotes and enforces the highest professional qualifications and standards, professional and ethical standards, and annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

For information on the scheme, please visit the ACLS Web site at www.acls-aatc.ca or contact the ACLS Registrar, Jean-Claude Tétreault at jctetreault@acls-aatc.ca or +1-613-723-9200.