INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED AGROLOGISTS

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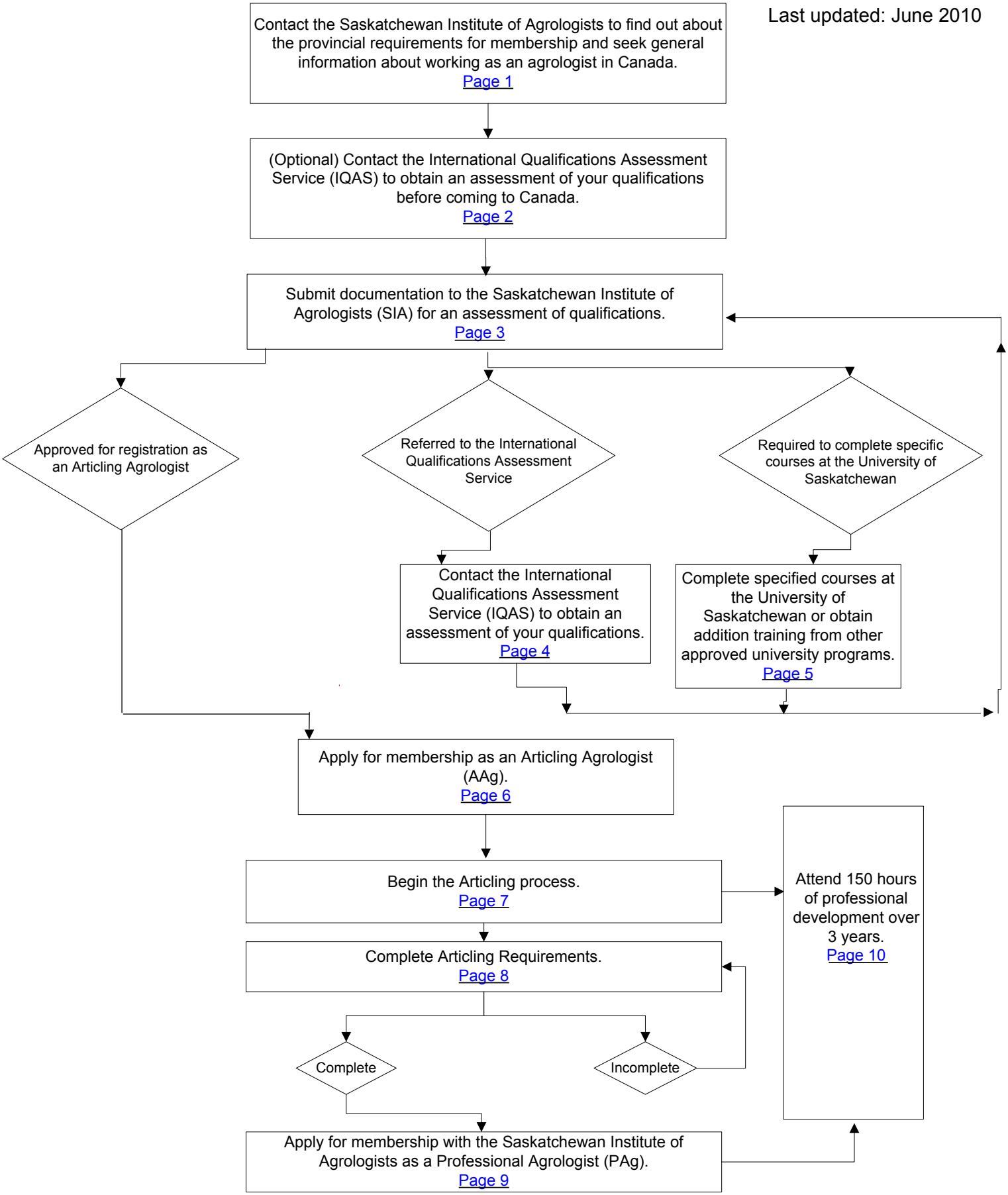

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PROCESS MAP FOR INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED AGROLOGISTS WISHING TO WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

This PROCESS MAP will provide internationally-trained agrologists with information about the most efficient pathway to obtain membership with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. This roadmap is meant as a guide only, but is based on the experience of many agrologists that have been through the membership process.

Contact the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists to find out about the provincial requirements for membership and seek general information about working as an agrologist in Canada.
Website: www.sia.sk.ca

The basic criteria for membership as an agrologist may differ in each Canadian jurisdiction. When deciding to settle in Saskatchewan, it is important to contact the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists to find out the steps that are required to become registered as a member in the province.

You may write to the Institute to ask about the requirements and costs for licensing, certification, or registration and the recommended procedure for a credential assessment prior to your arrival in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Be sure to ask specifically for information on what parts of the process you can do or start before you leave your home country. For example you may need to:

- Prepare or obtain documents from your home licensing body or educational institution;
- Obtain and complete forms that are available online;
- Obtain personal or work references;
- Begin necessary educational or language assessments; or
- Begin applications to programs or examinations.

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(Optional) Contact the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) to obtain an assessment of your qualifications before coming to Canada.

Although the provincial institutes of agrology will provide information on how foreign credentials are evaluated once you are in Canada, they are not set up to assess foreign credentials before you arrive in Canada.

Prior to you arrival in Canada, you can obtain an assessment of your qualifications from the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS). Please note that the IQAS charges a fee for this service, and that these assessments are advisory and **do not** guarantee recognition of your qualifications for employment or licensure purposes in Canada.

Contact IQAS for more information.

International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)
Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry
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Submit documentation to the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA) for an assessment of qualifications.

If you are an agrologist in another country and wish to be registered in Saskatchewan, you will be asked to provide the following documentation for assessment by the SIA:

- Academic transcript;
- Course descriptions in field of study;
- Proof of good standing with another regulatory body;
- Letter(s) of reference; and a
- Recent photograph.

The basic criterion for membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists is a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan or from another university recognized by the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan.

Other degrees deemed by the Council of SIA to be equivalent to a degree in agriculture may be accepted if an applicant indicates to Council adequate training in and knowledge of the agri-food industry.

Following an assessment, the Council of SIA may:
(a) approve you to apply for membership as an Articling Agrologist (AAg);
(b) refer you to International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) for an assessment of qualifications; or
(c) require you to take specified courses at the University of Saskatchewan or additional training from other approved university programs.

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Following an assessment of your qualifications, you may be required to obtain an assessment of your qualifications from a third party organization such as the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS).

An arrangement has been reached with the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) to assist foreign-trained agriculture representatives, consultants and specialists who wish to obtain an assessment of their qualifications. Please note that these assessments are advisory and **do not** guarantee recognition of your qualifications for employment or licensure purposes in Canada.

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Complete specified courses at the University of Saskatchewan or additional training from other approved university programs.

Following an assessment of your qualifications, you may be required to complete particular courses recommended by the Council at the University of Saskatchewan or required to complete additional training from other approved university programs.

All Bachelor of Science in Agriculture specializations offered by the College of Agriculture and Bioresources were granted full accreditation by the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1999. Graduates are thus eligible for admission to the professional practice of Agrology in Canada.

If deficiencies are found in your program of study you may be required to take particular classes, recommended by the Council, before becoming eligible for membership as an Articling Agrologist (AAg).

For the course calendar, information about transfer credits and for course registration contact the University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

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Apply for membership as an Articling Agrologist (AAg).

Following an assessment of your qualifications, you may be approved to apply for membership as an Articling Agrologist (AAg). Once you have obtained this membership status you are permitted to practice the profession.

Individuals who apply to become Articling Agrologists (AAg) have the option of requesting a mentor for the duration of their articling period. The mentor is a contact person for the AAg. Mentors usually attend branch and provincial functions so they are able to provide information about dates, times and locations of events. Mentors often sign the AAg report forms and provide letters of reference when the AAg's apply for Professional Agrologist status. Mentors often provide a valuable communication link between the AAg and the Institute.

The decision to request a mentor is left with the AAg. If you would like to have a mentor, indicate this to the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists office on your application for membership as an Articling Agrologist. A mentor is assigned to you once your application is approved.

Individuals wishing to apply to become an Articling Agrologist of SIA may obtain the necessary information and application form from the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists office.

The fees for 2010 – 2011 are as follows:

- One time application fee: $50.00
- Annual dues:
  - Saskatchewan Institute: Year One $155.00
    Year Two $310.00
    Year Three and up $310.00

(The annual dues for the first year as an AAg are reduced by 50%.)

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Begin the articling process.

The branch to which the AAg is assigned will provide a Professional Agrologist as a mentor for the Articling Agrologist Candidate.

The process of articling is up to a maximum of three years and Candidates can complete the process in less time.

Please note: the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists has six branches based on geography. There is one branch in each of the following areas: North West, North East, Yorkton, Regina, Saskatoon and South West.

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Complete Articling Requirements.

The purpose of articling is to increase your awareness and understanding of professionalism, ethics, and the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Articling also provides an opportunity to be involved in professional development activity.

Specific requirements of articling include:

- Attending at least two branch activities;
- Attending a branch annual meeting;
- Attending a SIA annual meeting;
- Attending the seminar on professionalism and ethics and successfully pass the Professionalism and Ethics Seminar Exam with a mark greater than 70%; and
- Obtaining two letters of reference from Professional Agrologists (PAg).

The articling process must be completed within three years. Failing to do so will require individuals to reapply to become an AAg.

Once all of the articling requirements have been successfully completed you can apply to become a Professional Agrologist (PAg).

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Apply for membership with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists as a Professional Agrologist (PAg).

After successfully completing all of the provincial requirements for membership, you may now apply to be a professional member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

Two written references are required for completing the application. The references must be from practicing professional agrologists.

All applications for membership are handled through the Registrar's office. Guided by The Agrologists Act, 1994 and the SIA Bylaws, an Admissions Committee decides is applicants are accepted as full members.

Individuals wishing to apply to become a Professional Agrologist may obtain the necessary information and application form from the SIA office.

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Attend 150 hours of professional development over 3 years.

A Professional Development Record must be completed annually by Articling Agrologists and Professional Agrologists. The form is available online at the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologist Website.

150 hours of professional development must be obtained every three years of practice.

Events that are planned such as conferences, workshops, courses, reading journals, seminars, scientific and professional meetings, and relevant staff meetings should be recorded.

Events such as reading farm papers, trade shows, fairs and exhibitions should not be included as they are not considered to be professional development.

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