



**British Columbia  
Land Surveyors**

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## Information for High School Students



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*Choose a professional career in BC*

### Looking for... a career with a future?

Excellent careers await young people in the surveying profession. State-of-the-art equipment and resources are at the forefront of this multifaceted career.

Your commission as a Professional Land Surveyor will be obtained once you complete your education through University of Calgary, the University of New Brunswick, BCIT, or other technical diploma schools in Canada, receive certification from the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors, complete a period of articles to gain experience, and successfully pass the professional exams set by the Association of BC Land Surveyors.

Financial assistance is available through regular student financial programs. In addition, the Association provides scholarships through the BC Land Surveyors Foundation and additional scholarships are funded by private firms or individuals.



### A Professional Career

As a BC Land Surveyor you will enjoy the benefits of:

- Professional status and recognition.
- A challenging and well-paying career.
- Membership in a professional association that offers support, peer mentoring, continuing education and camaraderie.
- Working with leading edge technology, computers and GPS.
- Applying your technical skills in the outdoors and in an office environment.
- Diversity in land development, planning, mapping, oil & natural gas, cadastral and construction surveys – land surveying is never routine!
- Options of opening your own practice, working with partnerships, employment with multi-disciplined firms, or employment with government agencies.
- Overseas work – BC Land Surveyors are recognized for their expertise around the world.





# TECHNOLOGY HISTORY ADVENTURE

## Wondering what to do next?

Speak to your school counselor to determine what courses you will need to meet the academic requirements at BCIT, University of Calgary, University of New Brunswick or other technical diploma programs in geomatics. Typically you will be studying math, computer programming, physics, earth sciences, astronomy, photogrammetry, remote sensing, cartography, land use planning, hydrography, statistics, surveying, law, economics and business administration.

And check out the career entry page on the BC Land Surveyors website at [www.abcls.ca](http://www.abcls.ca)

## Summer Employment

Don't forget to ask about summer employment while you pursue your education in geomatics. Contact a Land Surveyor in your area to learn more about the profession and to see the exciting opportunities and high tech equipment used in a career in geomatics.

## What do Graduates have to Say?

"I went into Geomatics to pursue a career that involves applying math and sciences, work that combines computing, technology and the outdoors. As a BC Land Surveyor my work involves a variety of projects that require problem solving, office computing and field surveys. These projects vary from surveying land claims in Northern BC to local subdivision surveys. This career continues to be interesting and challenging every day."

*Teresa Myrfield, BCLS, P.Eng.,  
University of Calgary Graduate*

"My diploma in Survey Technology from BCIT provided me with a strong technical foundation upon which, with future study, I built my professional career. I was a partner in a surveying firm, and then went on to establish my own practice. In my current position with the Surveyor General Branch, my work includes advising government agencies on land surveying issues, First Nation's surveys, and providing advice to the land survey community. The diversity of this career has made my work life very enjoyable."

*Jeff Beddoes, BCLS, CLS, Senior Deputy Surveyor General,  
British Columbia Institute of Technology Graduate*



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