



**British Columbia
Land Surveyors**

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Information for Post Secondary Students



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Choose a professional career in BC

A British Columbia Land Surveyor is an individual commissioned as a land surveyor by the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors and, as such, is authorized to carry out legal surveys within British Columbia. Many British Columbia Provincial statutes specifically designate B.C. Land Surveyors as the only persons entitled to perform legal surveys of land pursuant to the particular Act.

Land Surveyors enter the profession after undergoing a rigorous pre-professional education and subsequent training as an articulated pupil. Many BC Land Surveyors have obtained university degrees in geomatics and survey sciences prior to pursuing their careers as a land surveyor, while many others have acquired technical diplomas in survey technologies during the course of their education.

As a result, the British Columbia Land Surveyor is well grounded in the science of surveying and the application of this knowledge in service to their clients.

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.
- The challenge to be a leader in geomatics.





TECHNOLOGY HISTORY ADVENTURE

A Career with a Future

British Columbia Land Surveyors enjoy a multi-faceted career that combines state-of-the-art technology with professional recognition.

You can obtain your commission as a BCLS by:

- Completing a geomatics program at BCIT (www.bcit.ca/construction/geomatics) or through CCLS accredited programs in land surveying and geomatics programs at the University of Calgary (www.geomatics.ucalgary.ca) or the University of New Brunswick (gge.unb.ca).
- Applying to the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors for a Certificate of Completion, or completing examinations in any required fields.
- Entering a period of Articles with a land surveyor to obtain practical work experience.
- Completing the professional examinations.

Students enrolled at BCIT, University of Calgary, University of New Brunswick or other technical diploma programs in geomatics may apply for a free Survey Student membership with the Association of BC Land Surveyors.

Survey students receive our Link magazine, can attend seminars, and may receive article time credits for accredited studies and summer employment.

Students may obtain financial assistance through regular student financial programs and by scholarships available from the BC Land Surveyors Foundation and other private survey firms.

Need More Information?

1. You can visit our website at www.abcls.ca for an introduction to services we provide, employment opportunities, our history, and admission requirements.
2. Contact a Land Surveyor in your community to learn more about our profession, the types of work we perform, and local career opportunities. Members are listed on our website and under Surveyors, Land, in the Yellow Pages.
3. Talk to the geomatics instructors at BCIT, the University of Calgary, the University of New Brunswick or other technical diploma programs in geomatics. Several instructors are Professional Land Surveyors and will be able to provide more information on pursuing a career in land surveying or technical diploma programs across Canada.



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British Columbia A land worth surveying.