

Life Strategies Feature of the Month: February 2013

Investigating the Barriers and Challenges of the Foreign Credential Recognition Process for Internationally Trained Professionals



As an Internationally Trained Professional (ITP), you may have struggled to get Canadian employers, educational institutions, professional associations, and/or regulatory bodies to recognize your foreign credentials. Some of you may have successfully navigated the process of having your credentials recognized, allowing you to work in your profession. Others, however, may still be working through the process or have simply given up.

If this is true for you, we want your input!



Life Strategies, with the support of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., will be running focus groups throughout February seeking input from Internationally Trained Professionals (ITPs) on the barriers and challenges they've faced with the Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR) process.

Help us better understand the barriers, beyond the financial challenges, faced by ITPs in order to develop tools and services that will assist ITPs in integrating into the Canadian economy.

Participants must be:

- A Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident residing in BC
- An Internationally Trained Professional in either the (1) health care, (2) engineering, (3) finance and accounting, or (4) legal sector
- Undergoing the Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR) process, have successfully completed it within the past 5 years, or have previously started the process but chosen not to proceed
- Able to communicate in English at an intermediate level

If you are interested in participating, email info@lifestrategies.ca by February 5th indicating your interest. With your email, please include the following information:

- Name and preferred contact information (e.g., phone number, email)
- Sector you were trained in
- Preferred focus group dates and times (e.g., morning, afternoon, evening).
- Region in which you reside and/or would be willing to travel to attend the focus groups

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