

What areas of practice are Technical Agrologists involved in?

Animal Science
Plant Science
Soil Science
Agricultural Engineering
Agriculture Environment & Ecology
Agri-Business, Communications, Economics,
Finance & Services
Agri-Food & Nutrition



What educational background do you need?

Technical Agrologists have a 2-year diploma in agriculture or related science or management from an accredited Canadian university/college.

If you have been educated outside of Canada, your qualifications must be assessed by an acceptable international credential assessment organization to ensure Canadian educational equivalency.



To find out more about registering as a Technical Agrologist, contact us at:

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Register as a Technical Agrologist (T.Ag.) and make a difference in the agri-food, agri-life science and agriculture industry through your commitment to competent and ethical practice in the public interest.



What will a T.Ag. designation do for you?

The designation of Technical Agrologist demonstrates your level of commitment to the agri-food, agri-life science and the agrology sector. There are over 10,000 licensed practitioners across Canada and an Institute of Agrology in each province. Each Institute has the legal and legislative mandate to oversee the profession to protect the public interest and ensure high quality standards and ethics within the professional activities of licensed members. As a Technical Agrologist you must apply due diligence and practice within standards that are comparable to other professional designations. Through licensure national labour mobility is achieved and newcomers, as well as recent graduates, will be more competitive in the job market. You will access greater opportunities within your field while developing valuable sector contacts. First and foremost, as a designated Technical Agrologist you work to protect the public interest.

What does a Technical Agrologist do?

A designated Agrologist engages for hire, gain, or salary in the development, acquisition, use, application, teaching, demonstration and communication of scientific principles/practices/laws relating to agricultural, agri-food and natural sciences and to agricultural and resource economics. Agrology is the practice of bioresource and economics sciences to provide advice to the agriculture, agri-food and natural resources sector and contribute to the health of society, environment and economy.

Where do Technical Agrologists work?

Technical Agrologists in Ontario and across Canada work in large or small private corporations, universities, governments, banks, financial institutions, trade organizations and councils. They are also self-employed as independent practitioners and agricultural consultants.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To qualify, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a Canadian citizen, or have permanent resident status, or possess a lawful ability to work under the federal immigration act (work permit)
- Have at least a two-year diploma in agriculture or related sciences or an equivalent or acceptable credential
- Successfully complete the Articling Agrologist program component requirements unless waived by the OIA Board, including:
 - Professionalism and Ethics curriculum
 - Professional development courses
 - Pass examination
- Pay the required professional fees
- Earned or have earned a livelihood in agriculture, agri-food or agri-life science
- Be of good character (provide two references)



Are you internationally educated?

If you received your education outside of Canada, you may still be able to earn your T.Ag. designation in Ontario. Your qualifications need to be assessed by an international credentialing organization such as World Education Service (WES) or the International Credential Assessment Service

(ICAS). The Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) welcomes internationally educated professionals in the field of agriculture, agri-food and agri-life sciences to seek registration as a T.Ag. Funding support from the Government of Ontario has assisted internationally educated Agrologists to enhance their competencies and achieve their employment objectives.



What is the Articling Agrologist process?

The process for achieving your Technical Agrologist designation begins with an application. The OIA ensures that access is fair and transparent and within provincial statute. The Articling program requirements can extend from only a few months to a couple of years. Upon submission of an application, supporting documentation and Board approval you may be required to:

- Create a professional development plan tailored to achievement of your employment objectives
- Complete a project that showcases your skills and specialties, and contributes to the profession of agrology
- Complete professionalism and ethics curriculum
- Attend and participate in professional development courses and Branch activities
- Maintain an online professional development log
- Pass the general agrology exam
- Be mentored and coached by P.Ag.(s)/T.Ag.(s) during the process of articling
- Acquire sector experience