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Geoscientists Canada announces the launch of the *Geoscience in Canada* website – the premiere resource for all those seeking information on practising geoscience in Canada.

VANCOUVER, March 2, 2020 – Geoscientists Canada is excited to announce the launch of *Geoscience in Canada* (www.geoscienceincanada.ca), the comprehensive resource for information on professional geoscientist licensure in Canada.

This important resource is designed to inform internationally and domestically trained geoscientists about practising geoscience and professional geoscience licensure requirements in Canada. The website includes a variety of resources including a licensure readiness self-assessment tool which provides prospective applicants with the ability to anonymously self-assess their geoscience education and work experience as compared to the Canadian geoscience requirements for licensure. Users will benefit from an automated and personalized, report on the self-assessment outcome they can print directly from the website. The report will assist the prospective applicant with identifying any gaps that may need to be addressed, before becoming eligible for licensure. Geoscientists Canada CEO Andrea Waldie expects the self-assessment tool will help to “inform applicant expectations regarding the licensure process by allowing them to input their qualifications and have them immediately compared with Canadian entry-to-practice standards”.

The site further provides testimonials from prior professional geoscientist applicants, information on immigration to Canada and on professional geoscience in Canada, an application cost estimate calculator, and links to the Canadian geoscience regulators.

This resource is available to all prospective professional geoscientist applicants, regardless of the jurisdiction to which they may eventually apply and is offered at no charge to users. Geoscientists Canada expects that this tool will help to streamline the registration process, answering applicant questions and identifying areas that may require further work or clarification before the actual application begins. The report generated through the self-assessment tool may help inform future discussions with the jurisdiction regulator during the application process.

Reflecting on the new website, Geoscientists Canada’s president, Jeff Parks, notes, “The free-to-use *Geoscience in Canada* online resource will be of great benefit to all geoscientists applying to practice professionally in Canada. It is anticipated that the site’s information, resources, and self-assessment tools will help to provide an informed pathway to licensure.”



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Geoscientists Canada invites you to visit www.geoscienceincanada.ca and try out the new self-assessment and application cost estimate calculator for yourself.

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Geoscientists Canada is the national organization of the regulatory bodies that govern the practice of geoscientists in the provinces and territories. Geoscientists Canada's mandate is to conduct collective, collaborative work on behalf of its nine member regulatory bodies (<https://geoscientistscanada.ca/>).

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