



Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements**

Province	Accreditation Required	Regional Lead WGCC Member
British Columbia	Yes	
Alberta	No	
Saskatchewan	Yes	
Manitoba*	No	
Ontario	Yes	
Quebec	Yes	
New Brunswick	Yes	
Nova Scotia	No	
Prince Edward Island*	Maybe	
Newfoundland & Lab.*	No	
Northwest Territories*	No	
Yukon*	No	
Nunavut*	No	

* Currently no attendees from these provinces

** Source: <https://www.pli.edu/credit/Canada>

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Accreditation - Approval Required: WGCC is not an approved CPD provider with the Law Society of British Columbia. Providers are required to submit applications for each program.

For programs that do not have pre-accreditation from the Law Society of British Columbia, participants may apply individually to the Law Society for accreditation. [More information is available here.](#)

ALBERTA

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Alberta. The Law Society of Alberta does not accredit courses. It is each lawyer's responsibility to determine whether a learning activity meets these criteria and therefore qualifies as continuing professional development. [More information is available here.](#)

SASKATCHEWAN

Accreditation - Approval Required: The Law Society of Saskatchewan requires lawyers to earn CPD via Law Society-approved activities. The Law Society accepts applications for approval of CPD activities by a member or a CPD provider.



Any program can be used toward a lawyer's Saskatchewan CPD requirement if the lawyer can demonstrate that it is directly related to improving professional competence in their practice. Click here to submit a [CPD Activity Application](#) in Saskatchewan.

MANITOBA

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Manitoba. It is the responsibility of the lawyer to determine which CPD activities are relevant for their professional development.

ONTARIO

Accreditation - Approval Required: Professionalism Hours (including EDI Professionalism) require accreditation from the Law Society of Ontario. Substantive Hours need not be accredited.

WGCC has not been approved as an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by the Law Society of Ontario and is required to submit applications for each program.

QUEBEC

Accreditation - Approval Required: Programs qualify for credit in Québec as per the Barreau du Québec rule on reciprocity.

Training activities held outside the Province of Québec and approved by another Canadian bar or foreign bar as part of a Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) program in that other bar are automatically approved by the Comité regardless of whether or not you are a member of that other bar; and, regardless of whether or not this training activity is offered by that bar itself or by a supplier accredited by that bar.

Details can be found in the [FORMATIONS TENUES À L'EXTÉRIEUR DU QUÉBEC](#) section in the Barreau du Québec's [Formation Continue GUIDE DU PARTICIPANT - à des activités de formation](#).

NEW BRUNSWICK

Accreditation - Approval Required: Course providers and lawyers may request approval for courses, online interactive programs, and other meetings with an educational purpose.

The subject matter must deal exclusively with substantive law, procedural law, professional ethics, practice management, or lawyering skills to qualify for credit.

An [Application for Accreditation of an Activity](#) may be submitted to cpd-fpc@lsbnb.ca .



WOMEN GENERAL COUNSEL CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society.

The Society does not accredit courses offered by CLE providers nor assign hours to a course. It is the decision of each lawyer whether a CPD course or activity meets the requirements of the CPD Regulation and whether to include it in their CPD Plan. A CPD activity is any activity that has education as its primary purpose that is: (a) relevant to the professional needs of a lawyer; and (b) preserves and enhances a lawyer's knowledge or skills in the areas of (i) substantive legal education and skills development; (ii) risk and practice management; and (iii) professionalism. [More information is available here.](#)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Accreditation - Approval may-be Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of PEI. It is each member's responsibility to ascertain whether an activity meets the criteria and qualifies as a CPD activity.

However, CPD may be earned by attendance at CPD programs held by recognized educational providers as approved by the Secretary-Treasurer in advance of attendance by the member.

View the Law Society of Prince Edward Island's [Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Policy](#) for complete details.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Law Society will not assess or accredit providers, content or subject matter in advance. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that a proposed CLE activity meets the content requirements set out by the Law Society and, therefore, qualifies as an eligible CLE activity.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Northwest Territories.

It is each member's responsibility to ascertain whether an activity meets the criteria and qualifies as a CPD activity. Time accredited to a member's CPD must be relevant to a lawyer's professional needs, pertinent to long-term career interests as a lawyer, in the



interests of the lawyer's employer, or related to lawyers' professional ethics and responsibilities.

The learning activities should combine substantive, technical, and practical content. The subject matter does not need to deal primarily with Northwest Territories or Canadian law.

Credit is available for subject matter related to the law of other jurisdictions.

YUKON

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Yukon.

The Law Society of Yukon does not accredit courses or course providers. It is each member's responsibility to ascertain whether an activity meets the criteria and qualifies as a CPD activity. Eligible CPD activities must contain significant substantive or practical content with the primary objective of increasing lawyers' professional competence.

NUNAVUT

Accreditation - Approval Not Required: It is not necessary to have CPD activities accredited by the Law Society of Nunavut.

The Law Society of Nunavut does not accredit courses or course providers.