

TILMA FAQ

➤ What is TILMA?

The Governments of Alberta and British Columbia have agreed to mutually recognize or otherwise reconcile standards and regulations that operate to restrict or impair labour mobility for psychology, such that any worker certified for an occupation by the authority in one province shall be recognized as qualified to practice the same occupation by the equivalent authority in the other province.

➤ If I am a registered psychologist with the College of Psychologists of BC, how do I make a fast-tracking TILMA application?

i. General Eligibility: Registered psychologists or psychological associates who are currently fully licensed in BC are eligible to apply through the TILMA fast-tracking application. Psychologists with temporary licensure or psychologists or psychological associates with limitations or restrictions on their practice are not eligible to apply through the TILMA application, but are invited to apply through regular registration.

ii. What is required to make a TILMA fast-tracking application?

1. Completed TILMA application form
2. Application fee

iii. What supporting documentation is required?

1. Verification of Licensure ([Registration Verification Form](#)) from the College of Psychologists of BC and any other psychology regulatory body where you are or have been licensed.
2. Proof of listing from other professional organizations if applicable (i.e., CRHSPP, the National Register, CPQ).

3. The name of a psychologist from your home jurisdiction who can provide a reference on your behalf (the College of Alberta Psychologists will obtain the reference directly from your referee).
 4. Criminal record check from your local police station.
 5. Fitness to Practice Declaration.
 6. Proof of 1 million dollars in professional liability insurance.
- iv. After all the supporting documentation has been received and an initial review of your application determines that it meets the registration requirements, it will be forwarded to the Registrar/Registration Approvals Sub-Committee for permission for you to proceed to take the oral examination that is based on jurisprudence and ethics. Oral examinations are held quarterly every year. For those applicants who need to use title in Alberta sooner, you can also apply for a temporary license, "Courtesy Registration." The information can be found on the website under "[Fast-Tracking applicants](#)".
 - v. Successful completion of the fast-tracking oral examination, together with information for the register and registration fees, is required prior to placement on the general register.
 - vi. The typical fast-tracking application takes 4 – 6 months to complete.
- If Alberta and British Columbia are signatories to TILMA, why is another application process necessary to become registered in the other province?
- The regulation of psychology is provincially based. Alberta and BC have their own legislation, bylaws, and regulations. Having a license to practice psychology in BC does not permit you to practice psychology in Alberta, or vice versa. However, if you

are eligible to make a fast-tracking application, your training and academic credentials will have already been assessed by the College of Psychologists of BC, and will not be re-evaluated by the College of Alberta Psychologists.

As is clearly stated in the Twelve Common Misconceptions about TILMA FAQ (see <http://www.tilma.ca/about/Misconceptions.asp#six>), this agreement was signed between the provinces to facilitate trade between British Columbia and Alberta, and not to replace regulations or standards that may exist in either jurisdiction.