

GUIDELINES: SELF-ACCREDITED COURSE PROVIDER

It is the course provider's responsibility to monitor the *Alberta Insurance Council* website for any changes to the Course Guidelines. [Click to view Guidelines](#)

Self-accredited course providers must also comply with the current single Course Guidelines.

The Minister of Finance has delegated the responsibility to the Alberta Accreditation Committee to approve continuing education course providers, the courses those providers are authorized to provide and the hours of each course, pursuant to Section 29 of the Insurance Agents and Adjusters Regulation.

The approval term expires each year on December 31st.

1. Eligibility to become a self-accredited course provider

- a. **All the following conditions must be met** to become a self-accredited course provider:
 - offer insurance designation courses or courses which lead to a recognized insurance designation,
 - offer a minimum of 5 insurance related courses,
 - provide a history and a code of ethics of their organization, and
 - appoint a person to liaise with the Alberta Accreditation Committee.
- b. **Eligible:** Educational Associations or Institutions that meet all of the above criteria.
- c. **Not Eligible:** Insurance Companies and Insurance Intermediaries.

2. Definition of Continuing Education

- a. Course material must be directly related to:
 - the insurance industry,
 - the operation of an insurance office, or
 - the career development of an insurance professional.

3. Assigning Credit Hours and Classes

In Alberta, there are four main classes of insurance certificates that require mandatory continuing education. Courses may qualify for more than one class of insurance, particularly if it is broad-based knowledge related to the insurance industry or the management of an insurance office. Only courses with substantial material related directly to insurance or management of an insurance business can be accredited.

- a. Determine which class(es) of insurance are relevant by content, not by the class(es) of license held by participants.

3. Assigning Credit Hours and Classes (cont'd)

- b. The four classes of insurance are defined in the [Insurance Agents and Adjusters Regulation](#):
- **Life Insurance** - Products and services sold under Life Certificate of Authority;
 - **Accident and Sickness** - Products and services sold under Accident and Sickness Certificate of Authority;
 - **General Insurance (P & C)** – Products and services sold under the General Certificate of Authority; and
 - **Adjusters** – Adjusting activities covered under the Adjusters Certificate of Authority.

4. Conditions to be met by self-accredited course providers

- a. Submit the [Self Accredited Course Provider Application Form](#) and associated fees to become an approved self-accredited course provider.
- b. Accredit all courses according to the most recent [guidelines](#) posted on the Alberta Insurance Council's website.
- c. Appoint a Continuing Education Liaison for the Alberta Accreditation Committee.
- d. Provide a detailed list of self-accredited courses to the Alberta Accreditation Committee at least 15 days prior to the date of the course.
- No amendments may be made to a course less than 15 days prior to it being offered.

5. Audit

- a. The Alberta Accreditation Committee reserves the right to monitor, review or audit the content and delivery of course material at any time.
- b. Should the Alberta Accreditation Committee decide a course provider or course material does not meet the requirements set out in the [guidelines](#), the Alberta Accreditation Committee may prohibit the course provider or course content's use until the reason for prohibition is resolved.