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Architectural Technologists Exam | Candidate Guidebook

The Architectural Technologists Exam assesses the candidate's understanding of the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA), *Architects Regulation*, the AIBC Bylaws and the Professional Practice Standards & Ethics as it relates to practice as an Architectural Technologist in B.C.

This guidebook is intended to provide you with the information needed to determine whether you are eligible to take the exam, as well as how to apply, prepare, and take the exam. Additional information, including upcoming exam and application dates, and all associated forms, can be found on the [AIBC website](#).

Eligibility for the Architectural Technologists Exam

All candidates for the Architectural Technologists Exam must meet the following eligibility requirements in one of the following categories:

Category 1	☐ Two-year approved diploma or equivalent ☐ 2 years of experience (at least 1 year required working under the direct supervision of an architect and 1 year of which may be related experience) ☐ Completion of the AIBC Professional Practice Standards & Ethics course
Category 2	☐ One-year approved certificate or equivalent ☐ 5 years of experience (at least 3 years required working under the direct supervision of an architect and 2 years of which may be related experience) ☐ Completion of the AIBC Professional Practice Standards & Ethics course.
Category 3	☐ Seven years or more of related work experience gained under direct supervision of an architect ☐ Completion of the AIBC Professional Practice Standards & Ethics course

Applying for the Architectural Technologist Exam

- The exam is administered twice a year in-person at the AIBC, typically with a Spring and Fall intake. Dates are posted on the [AIBC website](#).
- Applications are accepted between the application opening and closing dates for each exam, as specified on the AIBC website.
- Before the application deadline, you must submit the following by e-mail to iap@aibc.ca:
 - A completed [Architectural Technologists Exam Form](#)
 - Copy of Architectural Technologist diploma/certificate
 - Letter of experience signed by Supervising Architect

- After the application closing date, AIBC staff will contact you to confirm your eligibility for the Architectural Technologists Exam, along with further information, including instructions for submitting the exam fees online.
- Refer to [Schedule B: Fees, found in the AIBC Bylaws](#) for the applicable exam fees.

Confidentiality and Compliance

Architectural Technologists Exam questions are **confidential**. You must not divulge any exam questions. Unauthorized possession, reproduction, or disclosure of examination materials is prohibited.

Any violation of confidentiality or act of plagiarism will be reviewed by the AIBC and may impact your eligibility for registration. By partaking in this exam, you are agreeing to the conditions as set out in Architectural Technologists Exam Guidebook.

Withdrawing from the Architectural Technologist Exam

Withdrawal up to three weeks after the application deadline

You may withdraw from the exam by e-mailing the AIBC. Your fee will be refunded, but you will be charged an administrative fee.

Withdrawal more than three weeks after the application deadline

You may withdraw from the exam, but your fee will not be refunded.

About the Architectural Technologist Exam

The Architectural Technologist Exam is intended to determine whether you have the knowledge to practise as an Architectural Technologist AIBC in B.C.

The Exam consists of 50 multiple choice questions.

The exam is based on a series of knowledge and application questions based on the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA), *Architects Regulation*, the AIBC Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. It includes questions about:

- AIBC mandate and regulatory functions
- Practice questions as they relate to the AIBC Bylaws and the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
- AIBC Continuing Education System (CES) requirements
- Use of Titles

The exam is delivered in person at the AIBC. A week prior to the day of the exam, candidates will receive an e-mail notification confirming the date and time. Candidates must bring a government issued photo identification (i.e. passport, driver's license) for entry to the exam.

Candidates are permitted two hours to complete the exam.

What to Bring (and Not Bring) to the Exam

1.0 Permitted Items

You may bring the following items to the exam:

- Pens/pencils
- Erasers
- Government issued photo identification (i.e. passport, driver's license) – required for entry to the exam
- Water in a clear water bottle

2.0 Items Not Permitted

You may not bring the following items to the exam:

- Notes
- Resources
- Recording devices

Personal items including but not limited to all electronic devices, wallets, backpacks, etc. must be stowed under the candidate's desk or other secured designated location at the exam site.

Architectural Technologist Exam Results

Candidates will receive their results within 30 days of writing the exam. The candidate will receive a pass or fail. No further details will be provided.

Retaking the Architectural Technologist Exam

Candidates who are required to retake the exam may apply to retake the exam, following the application process described on page two of this document.

Resources & References

Below is a list of resources and references for exam preparation. Please review the AIBC Bylaws and Schedule A: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct in detail and relevant materials from the AIBC Course: Professional Practice Standards & Ethics.

- [*Professional Governance Act*](#)
- [*Architects Regulation*](#)
- [AIBC Bylaws](#)
- [Schedule A: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#)
- AIBC Course: [Professional Practice Standards & Ethics](#)

Additional resources:

- [BC Building Code](#)