

2022 ATIO Annual General Meeting Proposed Amendments to the ATIO By-laws

Amendment 1: PART V: ADMISSION AS A CANDIDATE FOR CERTIFICATION

CURRENT:

- 5.01 (a) Either French or English shall be included in every language combination.
- 5.01 (b) All applicants must be Canadian citizens or have permanent resident status. Applicants must be living in Canada at the time of application.

PROPOSED Insert (new):

- 5.02 (c) All applicants must satisfy any prerequisite criteria, which may include exams, established by the board.

REASON

On January 10, 2022, the ATIO Board approved the reintroduction of prerequisite exams which must be passed before the applicant submits their application package for admission to the association. The existing admission eligibility criteria and procedures remain unchanged.

ATIO had an entrance exam of this nature several years ago. The reintroduction of these exams will reduce complaints about ATIO professionals as well as reduce the number of issues received from applicants and candidates who are unsuccessful with their examinations and applications certification by on-dossier.

The prerequisite exams will be comprised of

- a code of conduct exam and
- a language proficiency exam

This will apply to both new individuals joining ATIO and to ATIO professionals wishing to add another professional qualification who have not previously completed one or both of these exams.

These provisions will come into effect on a date to be announced by the ATIO Board of Directors.

Amendment 2: PART VIII CERTIFICATES, SEALS, STAMPS, AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS

SEALS AND STAMPS

CURRENT

- 8.03 Only certified **members** are entitled to use the seal or stamp of the category in which they are certified. The seal or stamp, which can be issued only by the Secretariat of the Association, bears the holder's name, title, and language combination, followed by their certification number. Certified members can choose to have the wording in English or French.
- 8.04 **Certified members** shall use their seal or stamp only on work done in the category and language combination in which they are certified.
- 8.05 Seals and stamps are the property of the Association and must be returned if the holder resigns or is struck from the register, suspended or expelled.

PROPOSED

- 8.03 Only certified **translators** are entitled to use the seal or stamp of the category in which they are certified. The seal or stamp, which can be issued only by the Secretariat of the Association, bears the holder's name, title, and language combination, followed by their certification number. Certified members can choose to have the wording in English or French.
- 8.04 **Certified translators in good standing may** use their seal or stamp only on work done in the category and language combination in which they are certified.
- 8.05 Seals and stamps are the property of the Association and must be returned if the holder resigns or is struck from the register, suspended, **or** expelled.

REASON

Only translations may be certified, and only by an ATIO Certified Translator. Consequently, there is no reason for anyone other than certified translators to be issued a stamp or seal.