



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# CES FAQ | Indigenous Peoples Learning Requirement

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As of November 2022, AIBC CES Participants are required to earn a minimum of two Core Learning Units (LUs) relating to Indigenous Peoples Learning each reporting period, starting in the current 2022–2024 period. Below are frequently asked questions and answers regarding this new requirement.

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## What is the new CES requirement?

As part of the AIBC's Continuing Education System Program, CES Participants are required to earn a minimum of **two Core LUs** relating to **Indigenous Peoples Learning each reporting period**, starting this current **2022–2024 period**.

Mandatory continuing education programs that support Indigenous Reconciliation are required under the *Professional Governance Act* (PGA). The AIBC is pleased to see the embedding of Indigenous Reconciliation in professional legislation.

## When was this requirement implemented?

On November 8, 2022, the AIBC Board approved revised Council Rules 5: Continuing Education System (CES). The revisions to Council Rules 5 incorporated mandatory continuing education requirements for learning related to Indigenous history, Truth and Reconciliation and/or engagement ('Indigenous Peoples Learning'). A minimum of two Core LUs are required to be earned each reporting period, starting this current 2022–2024 period.

With the implementation of the new bylaws under the PGA, the requirement moved to **Schedule P: Board Rules for the Continuing Education System**, found in the [AIBC Bylaws](#).

## When does the Indigenous Peoples Learning CES requirement take effect?

Two Core LUs relating to Indigenous Peoples Learning are required under the **current 2022–2024 reporting period**, and **every reporting period thereafter**.

For this current period, any related activity completed July 1, 2022, and onwards is eligible. CES Participants must complete this requirement by the CES deadline of each reporting period.

## What resources are available to complete the Indigenous Peoples Learning CES requirement?

The AIBC has published an [Indigenous Peoples Learning Resources Document](#) to help CES participants find learning opportunities – please note it is not an exhaustive list. Many Indigenous Peoples Learning opportunities are available, and can be self-reported to the AIBC given they are presented in a structured manner, as outlined in the [CES Practice Guidelines](#).

**Does this apply to Architects AIBC who elect to complete CES requirements via the Canadian reciprocity option?**

Yes. Architects AIBC who elect to complete CES requirements via the Canadian reciprocity option must also fulfill the Indigenous Peoples Learning requirement and report it directly to the AIBC.

**How can I report LUs for this requirement?**

When self-reporting in the [Registrant Portal](#), there is an 'Indigenous Peoples Learning' category available. Select this option from the drop-down menu and complete all the self-reporting details, as required.

**Is there a limit to the number of LUs that can be reported for Indigenous Peoples Learning?**

There is no maximum on the number of Indigenous Peoples Learning LUs that can be reported in a reporting period; however, the mandatory LUs for Indigenous Peoples Learning cannot be carried forward. They must be earned and reported each reporting period.

**What happens if I'm not able to meet this requirement by the upcoming reporting period deadline?**

CES Participants who do not meet this requirement by the reporting period deadline will be considered non-compliant and the consequences of non-compliance will apply, as outlined in **Schedule P: Board Rules for the Continuing Education System**, found in the [AIBC Bylaws](#).

**Do the topics covered under Indigenous Peoples Learning need to be directly related to architecture or the built environment?**

No, as the Indigenous Peoples Learning requirement is based in facilitating cultural awareness and reconciliation. This means that the learning can encompass a wide variety of Indigenous topics, such as Indigenous history, Truth and Reconciliation, engagement in architectural projects, and more.

**Would reading a publication or watching a film on Indigenous Peoples satisfy this requirement?**

No – the mandatory requirement states that the learning must be a structured, Core activity, whereas reading or watching a film is an independent activity and eligible for Non-core LUs only. The Non-core LUs for reading or watching a film can be self-reported for continuing education credit, but it would not satisfy the mandatory requirement.

**I have already reported activities related to Indigenous Peoples Learning. How can I ensure this will count towards the mandatory requirement?**

If you have already reported activities related to Indigenous Peoples Learning in the current reporting period which have not been categorized as such, please email the AIBC at [professionaldevelopment@aibc.ca](mailto:professionaldevelopment@aibc.ca), including the details of the reported activity.

**If I am aware of a relevant course on this topic not currently listed in the Indigenous Peoples Learning resource document, to whom at the AIBC should I provide the information?**

The AIBC appreciates any feedback and information regarding additional Indigenous Peoples Learning opportunities. Please email any information on related courses by emailing [professionaldevelopment@aibc.ca](mailto:professionaldevelopment@aibc.ca).