

USE OF DESIGNATIONS REGULATION



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1. AUTHORITY

1.1 This Regulation is enacted pursuant to sections 3.1, 11 and 23 of the By-law.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Regulation capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as they do in the By-law.

2.2 In this Regulation:

(a) **“Entity”** means a company, business, corporation, partnership, institution, or any other Organization that has a separately identifiable existence and which is distinguished from individuals [*entité*].

3. DESIGNATIONS USED BY REGULATED CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS (RCICs)

3.1 Every RCIC In Good Standing shall have the right to the registered professional designation “Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant”, and the initials “RCIC”, in English and the Registrar shall cause to be issued to every such RCIC upon the RCIC’s admission to licensing a certificate bearing that designation.

3.2 Every RCIC In Good Standing shall have the right to the registered professional designation “consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne”, and the initials “CRIC”, in French and the Registrar shall cause to be issued to every such CRIC upon the RCIC’s admission to licensing a certificate bearing that designation.

3.3 Every RCIC shall use the designation or initials set out in section 3.1 or 3.2 of this Regulation as follows: “John/Jane Doe, RCIC” [or Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant] or “John/Jane Doe, CRIC” [or consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne].

3.4 No individual or Entity with which an RCIC may be affiliated shall take or use any term, initials, designation or description, other than that which has been approved by the Council, including but not limited to “certified”, “registered” or “counsel”, which may imply that the individual or Entity is a “Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant/consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne” or implying that the Entity is entitled to practise as a “Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant/consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne”.

3.5 No RCIC shall take or use any term, title, initials, designation or description, other than that which has been conferred or otherwise recognized by the Council in writing which may imply that the RCIC is a certified specialist in any area of immigration consultancy or immigration law so as to give the impression of superior qualification or expertise.

3.6 No RCIC shall concurrently use or write both the English abbreviation “RCIC” and the French abbreviation “CRIC” after their name so as to give the impression of superior qualification or expertise, other than as provided for in section 6 of the Logo Use and Associated Trade-Marks Regulation.

- 3.7 No RCIC shall, when providing consulting services in a language other than English or French, take or use any initials or abbreviations that could be construed to having been conferred by the Council in place of or equivalent to the designations and initials set out in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Regulation.
- 3.8 No RCIC shall use any designation or initials set out in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Regulation except as provided in sections 3.3 through 3.7 of this Regulation.
- 3.9 An RCIC In Good Standing may use a designation granted by an immigration body outside Canada, or the initials signifying that designation only if, and so long as:
- (a) The RCIC is a member In Good Standing of the immigration body outside Canada and is permitted by that body to use the designation or initials; and
 - (b) The designation or initials is or are followed immediately by the name of the state, province or country, in parentheses, of that immigration body.
- 3.10 An RCIC who is not In Good Standing shall not use any designation or initials set out in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Regulation.
- 3.11 An Entity that is not registered with the Council shall not use the designations and initials set out in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Regulation.
- 3.12 The failure to comply with any section of this Regulation is a breach of the Professional Conduct Obligations.

4. DESIGNATIONS USED BY REGULATED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVISORS (RISIA's)

- 4.1 Every RISIA In Good Standing shall have the right to the registered professional designation "Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor", and the initials "RISIA", in English and the Registrar shall cause to be issued to every such RISIA upon the RISIA's admission to licensing a certificate bearing that designation.
- 4.2 Every RISIA In Good Standing shall have the right to the registered professional designation "conseiller réglementé en immigration pour étudiants étrangers", and the initials "CRIEE", in French and the Registrar shall cause to be issued to every such RISIA upon the RISIA's admission to licensing a certificate bearing that designation.
- 4.3 Every RISIA shall use the designation or initials set out in section 4.1 or 4.2 of this Regulation as follows: "John/Jane Doe, RISIA" [or Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor] or John/Jane Doe, CRIEE" [or conseiller réglementé en immigration pour étudiants étrangers].
- 4.4 No individual or Entity with which a RISIA may be affiliated shall take or use any term, initials, designation or description, other than that which has been approved by the Council, including but not limited to "certified", "registered" or "counsel", which may imply that the individual or Entity is a "Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant/consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne" or a "Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor/conseiller réglementé en immigration pour étudiants étrangers" or implying that the

Entity is entitled to practise as a “Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant/consultant réglementé en immigration canadienne” or a “Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor/conseiller réglementé en immigration pour étudiants étrangers”.

- 4.5 No RISIA shall take or use any term, title, initials, designation or description, other than that which has been conferred or otherwise recognized by the Council in writing which may imply that the RISIA is a certified specialist in any area of immigration consultancy or immigration law so as to give the impression of superior qualification or expertise.
- 4.6 No RISIA shall concurrently use or write, as defined in section 4.2 of the By-law, both the English abbreviation “RISIA” and the French abbreviation “CRIEE” after their name so as to give the impression of superior qualification or expertise, other than as provided for in section 6 of the Logo Use and Associated Trade-Marks Regulation.
- 4.7 No RISIA shall, when providing services in a language other than English or French, take or use any initials or abbreviations that could be construed to having been conferred by the Council in place of or equivalent to the designations and initials set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of this Regulation.
- 4.8 No RISIA shall use any designation or initials set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of this Regulation except as provided in sections 4.3 through 4.7 of this Regulation.
- 4.9 A RISIA In Good Standing may use a designation granted by an immigration body outside Canada, or the initials signifying that designation only if, and so long as:
- (a) The RISIA is a member In Good Standing of the immigration body outside Canada and is permitted by that body to use the designation or initials;
 - (b) The designation or initials is or are followed immediately by the name of the state, province or country, in parentheses, of that immigration body.
- 4.10 A RISIA who is not In Good Standing shall not use any designation or initials set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of this Regulation.
- 4.11 An Entity that is not registered with the Council shall not use the designations and initials set out in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of this Regulation.
- 4.12 The failure to comply with any section of this Regulation is a breach of Professional Conduct Obligations.

5. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF REGULATION

- 5.1 A Licensee who breaches this Regulation shall be subject to the following penalties:
- (a) For a first offence, written warning with direction to correct deficiency within thirty (30) calendar days, and to confirm the same in writing to the Registrar.
 - (b) For a second or subsequent offence – \$100 per incident.

- (c) Failure to correct deficiency within thirty (30) calendar days, and to confirm the same in writing to the Registrar, is subject to suspension and ultimately revocation.