

Hi member! With access to our monthly **STEP Insider**, you receive the latest news about upcoming CPD and networking events, practitioner opportunities, education updates, and more!

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Get Ready for an Exciting 2026-27 Program Season

Your branch/chapter boards are excited to share a sneak peak of what's ahead for the upcoming program season! From unique social events to in-depth technical seminars, TEP Talks to student study sessions, and a brand new Full-Day Course (coming Winter 2027), there is an incredible line up in store for you.

Check out our [Event Calendar](#) to see the already-confirmed upcoming events for the next program season - and more will soon be added.

Stay tuned for full event information and registration to launch shortly!



Reminder: 2025-26 Branch Bundle registrants will have access to online on-demand replays (where applicable) until December 31, 2026.

[Explore Upcoming Events in Your Area](#)

Special STEP Vancouver Island Chapter Launch Event

Join us as we celebrate the launch of STEP Vancouver Island, STEP Canada's newest Chapter, with an engaging panel discussion on the estate administration challenges faced by executors, administrators, and their advisors.

Following the presentation, enjoy a networking reception, meet the Chapter Board, and discover the benefits of STEP membership, including access to education, resources, and a global professional network.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow STEP members, students, and industry professionals!



[Details and Registration](#)

eNews Update | Submissions & Issues

On August 4, 2026, STEP Canada's Public Policy Committee made a submission to the Department of Finance Canada concerning the indexation of tax measures under the *Income Tax Act* ("the Act"). Many fixed-dollar credits, deductions, contribution limits, and eligibility thresholds in the Act are set at the amounts in place when they were enacted or last amended and are not indexed to inflation. Over time, inflation erodes their real value, with the result that Canadians receive meaningfully less benefit than Parliament originally intended, without any legislative decision to reduce that benefit.

To view STEP Canada's recommendations, views, and the full submission, please follow the button below.



***Did you know?** STEP Canada represents the interests of its members and the public to regulators, government departments, and national organizations. It monitors Canadian legislation and, where needed, advocates for legislative change and policy reform through its Public Policy and Tax Technical Committees.*

STEP Canada's Submissions

2026 STEP CPD Audit Begins Soon

On **August 25, 2026**, STEP will begin the annual CPD Audit and 2.5% of STEP members globally will be randomly selected to have their CPD records audited.

Those selected will need to complete the online CPD record form and will have two months to submit. Members will be notified by email, with reminder emails issued throughout the two months period.

The deadline for CPD Audit submissions is **October 26, 2026**.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the CPD team at CPD@step.org.



21st Annual STEP Private Client Awards

We are pleased to share that 374 submissions were received from 26 different countries, with 28 submissions coming from Canada - a 12% increase from 2025! Congratulations and good luck to our Canadian finalists:

Crysalia
- Family Business Advisory Practice of the Year

NIKA LAW LLP
- Boutique Firm of the Year (Legal)
- Contentious Trusts and Estates Team of the Year (Midsize Firm)

Our Family Office
- Boutique Firm of the Year (Non-Legal)

Shajani
- Boutique Firm of the Year (Non-Legal)

TD Wealth Family Office
- Investment Team of the Year
- Multi-Family Office Team of the Year

STEP Private Client Awards

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Learn More About the Private Client Awards

STEP Canada's 28th National Conference

Building Connections, Sharing Knowledge
Online On-Demand Available Until December 31

Looking for a convenient and easy way to earn your CPD? Look no further! Register today to have on-demand access to all 19 conference sessions, so you can watch when it works best for you. Experience this year's exceptional program that will unpack current developments, emerging trends, and practical strategies shaping the trust and estate landscape.

"Excellent content and a great way to stay up to date on an annual basis."



Register for Online On-Demand Access

As we reflect on another successful STEP Canada National Conference, we extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors for their generous support and commitment to the trusts and estates profession.

Your partnership helps make it possible for our members and delegates to come together to build connections, share knowledge, and engage in meaningful conversations that advance our profession.

Thank you for helping make the 2026 STEP Canada National Conference a memorable and impactful experience for our delegates. We appreciate your continued support and partnership.

We encourage everyone to learn more about these generous organizations by following the button below.



Thank You to Our Sponsors

STEP Global Congress 2026

November 24 + 25, 2026
Hamilton Princess Hotel & Beach Club, Bermuda

A must-attend conference in the diaries of leading practitioners around the world, Global Congress brings together experts to collaborate, innovate, and learn. This year's theme, *Mind, Law, and Machine - Navigating Trusts, Estates, and Capacity in a Digital Age*, will discuss the big issues facing our profession, both now and in the future.

Discover fresh ideas, engage in expert-led presentations, and connect with leading advisors, experts, and speakers. In 2025, over 340 delegates attended from across 50 countries.

Registration is open to members and non-members. Save with the early bird discount by registering before September 4th! Registered delegates will also save 15% on flights with the official airline partner, BermudaAir.



Learn More About the 2026 Global Congress

Looking for Accredited CPD? We've Got You Covered

Local and National STEP Canada events are designed to meet the continuing education requirements for provincial law societies, governing bodies, and professional associations by offering unique and timely technical content. Members can also fulfill their STEP CPD requirements by attending seminars that align with their reflective development goals.

STEP Canada applies for accreditation, where required, for all relevant paid technical seminars to support its membership and their professional outcomes. [Visit the FAQ section](#) on our website to learn more about CPD accreditation for STEP Canada's events.



If you have questions relating to your CPD certificates or would like more information, please email memberservices@step.ca.

Refreshed Marketing Brochures for Clients

As part of a new national campaign, STEP Canada is aiming to help Canadians identify and understand the TEP designation so they can make informed decisions with confidence.

These marketing brochures, updated in 2025, are designed for you to display in your office or provide to your clients in order to make complicated matters easier for them to understand. They are available only

to members of STEP Canada, and all members were sent a sample of each brochure with their physical member renewal kit.

For the cost of printing, only \$5 CAD for a pack of 10 brochures (+ tax and shipping), these brochures provide excellent value for promoting your specialized skillset and supporting clients.



Learn More About Our Brochures

Practitioner Opportunities

Advertising with STEP Canada's Practitioner Opportunities service offers a highly **cost-effective**, **quick**, and **simple way** to attract the right candidates in this industry - a great resource for connecting the highest caliber of trust and estate practitioners to employers.

STEP Canada is proud to offer this service as a great resource for connecting the highest caliber of trust and estate practitioners to future employers.



Learn More

Education Centre

Education Program	Exam/Essay Date	Registration Deadline
CETA 1-4	All CETA exams are available online on-demand. Must be completed within 12 months of registration.	Registration open on a rolling basis for on-demand exams
NEW: Investment Basics for Fiduciaries (IB) 1-4	Assessments are available on-demand. Final course assessment must be taken within 12 months from enrollment.	Registration is open on a rolling basis.
STEP Canada Diploma Program (All Courses)	November 2-3, 2026	September 1, 2026
NEW FOR FULL MEMBERS: Taxation of Trusts & Estates (Standalone course)	November 2-3, 2026	September 1, 2026
Essay Submission	October 1, 2026	2026 topics can be found here

Updates

TEP UPGRADE APPLICATIONS

As of July 10th, there is an updated Upgrade to Full Member Application form. If you have not yet already submitted your application, please reach out to education@step.ca to obtain the newest application form and procedures.

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

To help support your preparation for the upcoming November exam, STEP Canada will be hosting two live-virtual Tutorial sessions (English stream) and one Tutorial session (French stream) for each course. To find your specific session dates and times, along with the registration links, please check your course website for more information.

Single Course Registration for Taxation of Trusts & Estates

Full members can now access the second course in the STEP Canada Diploma Program, Taxation of Trusts and Estates. [Login to your MY STEP account](#) to register for this course. This comprehensive course offers you the opportunity to prepare with tax basics or start directly with the trust and estate tax topics. A live virtual case study series and instructor resources are available. If you have questions, reach out to education@step.ca.

NEW Certificate Program: Investment Basics for Fiduciaries (IB)

Designed for trust and estate professionals, this program provides essential investment knowledge for those that administer estates, trusts, and manage the financial affairs of incapable persons. By connecting investment fundamentals to real-world fiduciary decision-making, this course empowers professionals to navigate their responsibilities with confidence and compliance. Registration is on a course-by-course basis. [Read our brochure to learn more.](#)

Connect With Us on LinkedIn

Join our online community and stay connected to your fellow practitioners and STEP Canada staff. We encourage all our members to be active and contribute through our corporate and individual branch/chapter groups. Our goal is to provide a forum for our members to explore their shared experience as trust and estate practitioners.



Follow STEP Canada

You can find the link to your local branch/chapter group on the STEP Canada corporate page.

Need help? View the [LinkedIn Cheat Sheet](#).

Reminders

STEP Canada staff work remotely and members are encouraged to communicate with us using email. Not sure who to write to? Send any inquiry to memberservices@step.ca and our team will forward your message to the right staff member.

We would like to extend a **big thank you** for our students, TEPs, and supporting employers who see the enormous value in STEP education and membership.

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