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## STEP Canada Diploma Program Re-Launch in 2022

We are excited to announce that the STEP Canada Diploma in Trusts & Estates (Exam Route) is being re-launched in February 2022 to give our students a fresh approach to self-study that will bring together a blend of asynchronous and synchronous learning that includes opportunities for both peer and instructor-led learning.

Current students will receive an invitation to join an orientation webinar to review the changes. Here is a sneak peak at what students can expect this year:

- New student on-boarding sessions
- Built-in program/course orientation modules
- On-demand video lectures in key subject areas
- 1 Live-virtual instructor-led lecture/case activity
- Peer leadership and networking opportunities
- 2 Live-virtual peer study sessions
- 4 weeks of instructor access via chatboards
- Full length practice exams
- STEP-hosted exam procedures webinar
- An updated online course platform

The program will continue to allow rolling registration to maintain flexibility, however the registration deadline has been changed from 30 days before the exam to 60 days before the exam. Even though the registration deadline is 60 days, registration is recommended before 90 days so that students can benefit from the synchronous learning opportunities via live-virtual platforms.

Full details will be released in the next STEP Insider.

Feel free to reach out to us at [education@step.ca](mailto:education@step.ca) if you have any questions.

## Succession Law and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada

January 19, 2022  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

The Indigenous Peoples of Canada have a unique relationship with Canada and its provinces, which can regulate the wills and estates of their members. This session will discuss:

- Indigenous Peoples with jurisdiction over wills and estates of members ordinarily resident on their lands, by virtue of self-government agreements;
- Indigenous Peoples' land codes and registries, the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*, and their impact on succession;
- Administration of estates under The Indian Act;
- Taxation on death of on-reserve versus off-reserve interests;
- First Nations Bank of Canada and FNB Trust – Perspective on probate, administration, and other requirements for transfer of accounts or benefits belonging to Indigenous Persons.
- Provincial or federal legislation relating to protection of the cultural property or other interests of Indigenous Peoples:

- o The provisions of Wills, Estates, and Succession Act (BC) relating to Nisga'a Final Agreement and First Nations Final Agreements;
- o The impact of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act on the succession legislation of Newfoundland and Labrador; and
- o The provisions of the Cultural Property Export and Import Act, with respect to objects made by the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

## MODERATOR



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## SPEAKERS



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This seminar is available with your purchase of your local Branch or Chapter Bundle, which includes six timely and topical online seminars. All Bundles offer both live and/or on-demand viewing options, access to presentations and papers, continuing education (CPD) opportunities, live Q&A sessions with the speakers, and interactive delegate networking.

### Details and Registration

## Call for 2022 CRA/STEP Round Table Questions

The 2022 CRA / STEP Round Table Committee invites you to submit questions to be considered for the 2022 Round Table presentation that will take place during the 24th National Conference Week, June 14-18. Each year the much anticipated CRA / STEP Round Table proves to be a highlight of the conference; and an invaluable resource to estate planning practitioners across the country.

Your contribution to the “question bank” will be appreciated by the committee; and if selected, by thousands of practitioners.

Questions must be received by **MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022** for consideration.

Please send your questions to:  
[steproundtablequestions@step.ca](mailto:steproundtablequestions@step.ca)

## Is Your Mailing Address Up to Date?

Are you working from home, or recently changed firms? It's important to update your contact information with STEP Canada to ensure we can always reach you with important updates regarding your membership.

### Coming Soon

To ensure you receive the January edition of STEP Inside and your membership renewal package (coming March 1st), please login to your My STEP profile [here](#) to review your contact details. You can also email your preferred mailing address to [memberservices@step.ca](mailto:memberservices@step.ca).

### Did You Know?

All members (unless requested otherwise) are included in the STEP Directory, and your profile displays the contact information we have for you on file. Ensure that the public and fellow STEP members can reach you by keeping your profile up to date. If you would like to access additional features on your Directory profile, please login to your STEP Worldwide membership account, [here](#). If you would like to be removed from the STEP Directory please email [memberservices@step.ca](mailto:memberservices@step.ca).

## CE/CPD Credits for Past Events

The Member Services team sends supplementary CE/CPD credit certificates monthly for the 2021 Q1 & Q2 Branch Bundle and the 23rd National Conference.

If you have not yet viewed the sessions or completed the quizzes for either event, the archived broadcasts remain available on the app for your viewing. Please contact [Member Services](#) if you have questions about your CE/CPD credit certificates.

Don't forget - registration is still open for both events if you require CE/CPD credits!

**December 2021 Update:** CPD certificates have now been sent for the 2021-22 Branch/Chapter Bundle sessions viewed up until December 10th, 2021. If you did not receive your certificate and/or you have concerns regarding your credits, please email [memberservices@step.ca](mailto:memberservices@step.ca). Another CPD certificate will be sent in July 2022 for all remaining Bundle sessions.

[Details and registration for the 2021-22 Branch/Chapter Bundle](#)

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

**Trust Administrator - BMO (Ottawa)**

Have questions?

[More on Practitioner Opportunities](#)  
or  
[Post an Opportunity](#)

## Exam Sittings & Essay Submission Dates

Education Program	Exam/Essay Dates	Registration Deadlines
CETA 1	Accessible at any time	Exams must be completed within 6 months of registration
CETA 2-4	March 1, 2022 June 1, 2022	February 1, 2022 May 1, 2022
STEP Canada Diploma Program	May 30, 2022 November 7, 2022	April 30, 2022 October 7, 2022
Essay Submission	May 1, 2022 October 1, 2022	*2022 topics can be found <a href="#">here</a>

## Upcoming Branch & Chapter Events

*\*Save the date - registration coming soon*

Wed Jan 19	<p><b>Succession Law and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada</b> STEP National Seminar <i>Presented as part of the Branch/Chapter Bundles</i> 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm ET</p>	Tues Feb 1	<p>STEP Southwestern Ontario *TEP Talk 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm ET Zoom</p>
Wed Feb 2	<p>STEP Winnipeg *TEP Talk 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm CT Zoom</p>	Mon Feb 7	<p>STEP Toronto *STEPping out to Lunch 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm ET Zoom</p>

[Click here to view the entire upcoming schedule for the 2021-2022 Branch/Chapter Bundle.](#)

## Reminders

All **STEP Canada staff** are working from home until further notice. Members are encouraged to communicate with us using email. Not sure who to write to? Send any inquiry to [memberservices@step.ca](mailto: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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