



## About Us

Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) is the national licensing body for professionals who survey in Canada's three Canadian territories, in Federal parks, Indigenous reserves, and on Canada's three oceans.

ACLS also manages the International Hydrographic Certification Scheme (ACLS IHCS).



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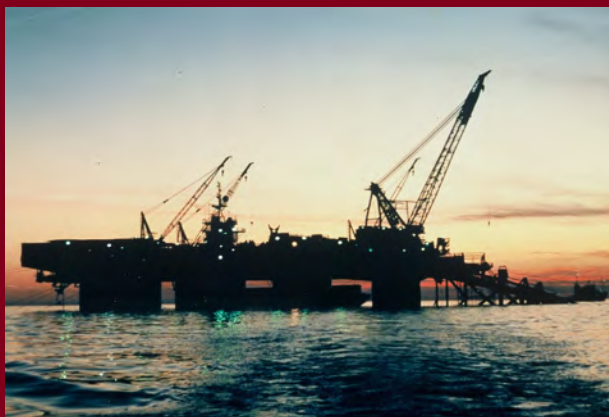
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# International Hydrographic Certification Scheme (ACLS IHCS)

ACLS IHCS provides a pathway for certification of hydrographic and offshore surveyors to international standards. The certification process is designed to ensure that those purporting to be hydrographic or offshore specialists have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to meet contemporary demands.

The scheme applies competency standards developed by the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board of Standards and Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC) whilst confirming evidence of a candidates' academic study combined with a detailed assessment of their employment history plus other relevant experience in order to award certification.

For more information visit: [ihcs-sich.ca](http://ihcs-sich.ca)



## Certification Process

ACLS IHCS has three levels of Certification.

The first level is for project leaders and managers (CH), the second level is for technologist (CHTech) and the third is for high-level executive leaders (CHE). Each level has several pathways towards certification, designed to recognize each individual's academic background and experience. Those candidates who have graduated from an FIG/IHO/ICA recognized S-5 Category A or B training only need to meet the experience and project report requirements. Other candidates will need to also have their academic profile assessed by *the ACLS International Hydrographic Certification Panel (IHCP)*, which is formed by individuals from private industry, government and academia. In some cases, these candidates will have to write examinations.



## Specifics for Cat A and Cat B Training

Successful candidates who have graduated from an FIG/IHO/ICA recognized S-5 Category A or Category B programs will have that information noted on their certificate.

