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CANADA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS: NAVIGATING THE INTERFACE BETWEEN FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING LAWS

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Canada's planning and development laws are highly complex, involving multiple layers of regulation across different levels of government. **Each province in Canada has its own planning and development statutes, often based on unique regional priorities, while over 3,700 municipalities enforce diverse local bylaws governing land use, zoning, and urban planning.** This fragmented system can result in overlapping or even contradictory regulations, making it difficult for urban planners, developers, and legal professionals to navigate effectively. Additionally, federal mandates, such as environmental protection, infrastructure planning, and Indigenous land rights, further complicate the regulatory framework.

This certified program is designed to provide a comprehensive guide through the intricate legal and regulatory landscape of Canadian planning and development. You will gain essential practical knowledge for interpreting and applying **key regulatory frameworks governing land use, zoning, and urban planning in Canada.** Participants will gain insights into key legislative components, including **federal planning and development policies, provincial and territorial planning regulations, and the detailed municipal zoning bylaws that influence development decisions.**

Additionally, this program will emphasize the technical and legal aspects of **federal-provincial coordination, Indigenous land claims, and environmental planning.** You will also explore critical areas such as intergovernmental cooperation, conflict resolution, and management of competing planning requirements. A deep dive into **regional development strategies, housing and infrastructure regulations, environmental assessments, and emerging trends like climate change adaptation** will be key highlights.

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In addition, the program addresses specialized topics such as **heritage preservation, environmental impact assessments, and public consultation processes**. By the end of this program, you will be equipped with the tools to navigate the complexities of Canada's multifaceted planning laws, ensuring legal compliance, risk mitigation, and the promotion of sustainable, inclusive development.

Upon successful completion of this program, participants will earn a **Certification in Canada Planning and Development Laws**. This certification enhances professional credentials, equipping you with the expertise needed to navigate the complexities of planning and development law in Canada. You will be prepared to manage risks, ensure compliance, and implement fair and effective planning practices within your organization, aligning development goals with the evolving legal landscape.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**PROVINCIAL PLANNING ACTS
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
URBAN PLANNING**

**LAND USE PLANNING
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
ZONING REGULATIONS
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

**INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES
RESILIENT CITY STRATEGIES
RISK MITIGATION**

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT
HERITAGE PRESERVATION
COMMUNITY TRUST BUILDING
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**CLIMATE ADAPTATION
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

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Jacqueline East

Award-Winning Planner and Executive Director

Jacqueline East is an **award-winning planner with over three decades of experience** in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She has **held key roles such as Director of Provincial Planning and General Manager of Development Services**, contributing significantly to the planning landscape across western Canada. With a deep understanding of Canadian planning systems, Jacqueline brings practical insights from working with diverse planning and development laws. **Her expertise spans provincial legislation, municipal development plans, zoning bylaws, and community planning.**

As a senior leader and mentor, Jacqueline **excels at simplifying the complexities of multi-level planning laws**, offering best practices to various stakeholders. She is driven by a passion for strategic planning, community development, and inclusive leadership, and has a track record of supporting communities to overcome challenges and achieve sustainable growth. Her ongoing academic pursuits further enrich her commitment to fostering equitable and resilient communities.

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MODULE 1 - INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS IN CANADA

- Canadian Context – Geographically
- Canada the Colony - (Terra Nullis & Doctrine of Discovery)
- Canadian Context – Britain & USA

MODULE 2 - CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND DIVISION OF POWERS

- BNA to Constitution Act, 1867
- Federal vs Provincial Powers (Property & Civil Rights)
- 1982 Constitutional Amendment – Section 35 (Indigenous Recognition)

MODULE 3 - FEDERAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS

- Federal Lands
- Federal Jurisdictions
- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Canadian Bill of Rights

MODULE 4 - PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS

- Provincial Planning (Case Study – MB Special Planning Area – CentrePort)

- Provincial Land Use Policies for Local Planning & Delegation of Authority to LGs
- Limits of Land Use Authority of Local Governments (Including OCP Approvals and Appeals)

MODULE 5 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS

- Regional Approaches (Case – BC CRD)
- The Power of Municipal Council
- Advisory Roles and Appeal Boards
- Official Plans and Zoning (Land Use) Bylaws

MODULE 6 - COORDINATION AND CONFLICTS BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LAWS

- Interprovincial Infrastructure and Resources
- Housing (CMHC)
- The North (Territories)
- Case Law – Contributions by the Courts

MODULE 7 - INTERFACE BETWEEN PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING LAWS

- Housing Need and Neighbourhood Concerns



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- Monitoring and Appeals
- Case Studies – Bill 44 (BC) Bill 23 (Ont)

MODULE 8 - ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY | PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Impact Assessments
- Climate Change
- Transportation

MODULE 9 - INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND LAND USE PLANNING

- Indigenous Rights
- Treaties
- Duty to Consult
- Truth and Reconciliation

MODULE 10 - FUTURE TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Responding to Housing and Homelessness 'Crisis'
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Human Rights (Anti-Discrimination)
- Natural Asset Management
- Carbon-Neutral Development
- Re-Balancing Local Control and Decision-Making

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Upon successful completion of this program, you will be awarded the prestigious **Certification in Canada Planning and Development Laws** which can be used in your resume, CV, and other professional credentials. With lifelong validity and global recognition, this designation will set you apart from your peers, demonstrating your expertise in managing the complexities of planning laws across Canada. This program is developed by **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications** and the content of this program has been certified by **CPD Certification Service** as conforming to continuing professional principles.

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