

About the Planning Profession

- There are over 10,000 planning professionals in Canada.
- Planners safeguard the health and well-being of urban and rural communities by addressing the use of land, resources, facilities, and services, with consideration to physical, economic, and social efficiency.
- Planners work in both the public service and the private sector, across such fields as land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, Indigenous communities planning, transportation planning, and economic development.



Certified Professional Planners

- In Canada, [Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations \(PTIAs\)](#) regulate the planning profession. PTIAs are responsible for governing the rights and responsibilities of their members and setting and upholding the criteria for professional planners within their jurisdictions.
- PTIAs grant Registered Professional Planners (RPP) or Licensed Professional Planners (LPP) professional designations and protected titles to their members who have completed the certification process and relevant standards for ethical and professional competency.
- As planners are required to register in a province or territory where they are living and/or working, [secondary memberships](#) are available across the PTIAs for those who work in more than one jurisdiction.
- The [Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada \(PSB\)](#) administers the processes for the certification of professional planners and the accreditation of planning schools within Canada.



FACT SHEET

About the Canadian Institute of Planners

- The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) works on behalf of over 8,000 planning professionals nationally, and has served as the voice of Canada’s planning community since 1919.
- CIP’s mission is to support our members, add value to the larger Canadian planning ecosystem, and advocate on priority issues for greater collective impact.
- In 2022, CIP unveiled a five-year strategic plan, [1835 Days of Impact](#), with a renewed mission, vision and values to create maximum impact. The plan focuses on 3 key priorities: integrated action on complex issues through advocacy, more equitable planning through reconciliation and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), and providing career support and resources for planners throughout their professional lifecycle.
- CIP’s professional members, who are certified by their PTIAs, use the designation MCIP® denoting Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- CIP provides a number of services to our members, including:
 - Access to newsletters, publications, online journals and other resources;
 - Access to [Plan Canada](#), CIP’s quarterly magazine, and the [Canadian Planning and Policy Journal](#), an open-access scholarly publication;
 - Professional liability insurance and other optional insurance programs;
 - The [annual national conference](#), often in partnership with regional PTIAs;
 - Awards and honours programs, including CIP’s most prominent honour, the [College of Fellows](#);
 - Career support by means of a national [job board](#), national [compensation and benefits survey](#), and the Emerging Leaders Program;
 - Support to students, including free membership, student-specific programs, and a range of scholarships and bursaries through the [CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund](#) (CIP-PSTF);
 - Access to CIP’s online learning platform, the Professional Learning HUB, and Continuous Professional Learning programs
 - Opportunities to volunteer, network, and participate in program initiatives;
 - Leadership on critical policy issues and development of policy directives;
 - Representation of the profession’s interests to the federal government and key stakeholders; and
 - Many unique opportunities with CIP’s partnership organizations (planning and interdisciplinary).

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