

# MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT FRAMEWORK

## Project Synopsis

Time: 6-12 months

Complexity: Medium

Cost: \$25,000 - \$100,000

This project designs a framework for the efficient signing of credential recognition agreements between Canadian regulators and other jurisdictions.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

While Canadian regulators are encouraged to accredit workers trained outside of Canada, this can sometimes be a difficult task when regulators have to assess workers individually. A mutually recognized agreement (MRA) is signed with an organization in another jurisdiction that facilitates faster certification by streamlining assessment procedures, ideally through license-to-license recognition but also through educational requirement recognition. This project designs a model for a MRA framework to enable a regulator to enact the agreement sooner.

### KEY OUTCOMES

- Canadian regulators sign MRAs with other jurisdictions more efficiently.
- Internationally-trained workers (ITWs) are assessed faster and are able to practice in skilled occupations sooner.
- Employers in regulated occupations can more easily hire ITWs.

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Research and review accreditation frameworks in different jurisdictions.
- Compare relevant certification processes, theoretical and practical assessment requirements for a given occupation.
- Identify any gaps and overlaps in certification requirements in a given occupation.
- Establish an appropriate pool of applicants to participate in the practical verification phase.

### PROJECT COMPONENT

- Development of a policy framework that would allow mutual recognition of certification between regulators in different jurisdictions.

