

Global Experience Ontario



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Challenges Newcomers Face When Settling in Ontario

1. **Finding employment**
2. **Acquiring Canadian work experience related to their field**
3. **Improving English/French language ability**
4. **Gaining Credential recognition**
5. **Integrating into the community**

Access to Employment: *Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, 2006 (FARPA)*

- Removes barriers to registration by ensuring that regulated professions provide registration practices that are transparent, objective, impartial and fair.
- The Act covers 14 non-health regulated professions and also amended the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* to create similar requirements for the 24 health professions.
- FARPA was the first legislation of its kind in Canada.



- Created the Office of the Fairness Commissioner, an independent agency that enforces the Act
<http://www.fairnesscommissioner.ca>
- Also created Global Experience Ontario to assist internationally trained individuals

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE ONTARIO

AN ACCESS AND RESOURCE CENTRE
FOR THE INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED



Helping Newcomers:
Building a Stronger, More
Competitive Ontario



Global Experience Ontario

Global Experience Ontario (GEO) is an access centre. GEO offers information and referral assistance to newcomers who have international training and/or experience in 14 non-health regulated professions and who wish to get licensed to work in their field in Ontario.

GEO's Services Include



1- Providing free information, assistance and referrals by email, telephone and in person to:

Internationally Trained Individuals in non-health regulated professions (open to all regardless of Canadian immigration status and location)

Stakeholders such as community agencies & international offices (such as the Canadian Immigration Integration Project - CIIP)

GEO's Services Include (cont'd)

2. Developing and updating career maps in partnership with related organizations, associations or regulatory bodies. These career maps explain in detail every step of the registration process that may include language requirements, industry trends, labour market conditions, credential assessment process, licensing fees and other important information.



Career Maps are available online at: www.OntarioImmigration.ca
E-Career Maps are available at: www.settlement.org

Some Career Map Partnerships



Ontario College of
Social Workers and
Social Service Workers



The Law Society of
Upper Canada



Ontario
Association
of Architects



Ontario
College of
Teachers



Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario



OACETT
The Technology Professionals in Ontario



College of
Dental Hygienists
of Ontario



COLLEGE OF
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
of ONTARIO



College of Massage
Therapists of Ontario



College of Occupational
Therapists of Ontario
Ordre des ergothérapeutes
de l'Ontario



College of Dietitians of Ontario



GEO's Services Include (cont'd)

3. From time to time, conducting research, analyzing trends and identifying issues related to support that assist ITIs in the process and steps required to get their license



The 14 Non-Health Regulated Professions

Internationally trained:

- Architects
- Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists
- Certified General Accountants
- Certified Management Accountants
- Chartered Accountants
- Early Childhood Educators
- Foresters
- Land Surveyors
- Lawyers, including Paralegals
- Professional Engineers
- Professional Geoscientists
- Social Workers and Social Services Workers
- Teachers
- Veterinarians

Health Regulated Professions

(HealthForceOntario)

- [Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology](#)
- [Chiropody and Podiatry](#)
- [Chiropractic](#)
- [Dental Hygiene](#)
- [Dentistry](#)
- [Dental Technology](#)
- [Denturism](#)
- [Dietetics](#)
- [Massage Therapy](#)
- [Medical Laboratory Technology](#)
- [Medicine](#)
- [Midwifery](#)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Occupational Therapy](#)
- [Opticianry](#)
- [Optometry](#)
- [Pharmacy](#)
- [Physiotherapy](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Respiratory Therapy](#)

The 22 Compulsory/Restricted Trades

Trades Qualification and Apprenticeship Act:

11 compulsory trades

1. Electrician: Construction and Maintenance
2. Electrician: Domestic and Rural
3. Hoisting Engineer: Mobile Crane Operator Branch 1
4. Hoisting Engineer: Mobile Crane Operator Branch 2
5. Hoisting Engineer: Tower Crane Operator
6. Plumber
7. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
8. Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
9. Sheet Metal Worker
10. Residential (Low-rise) sheet metal installer
11. Steamfitter

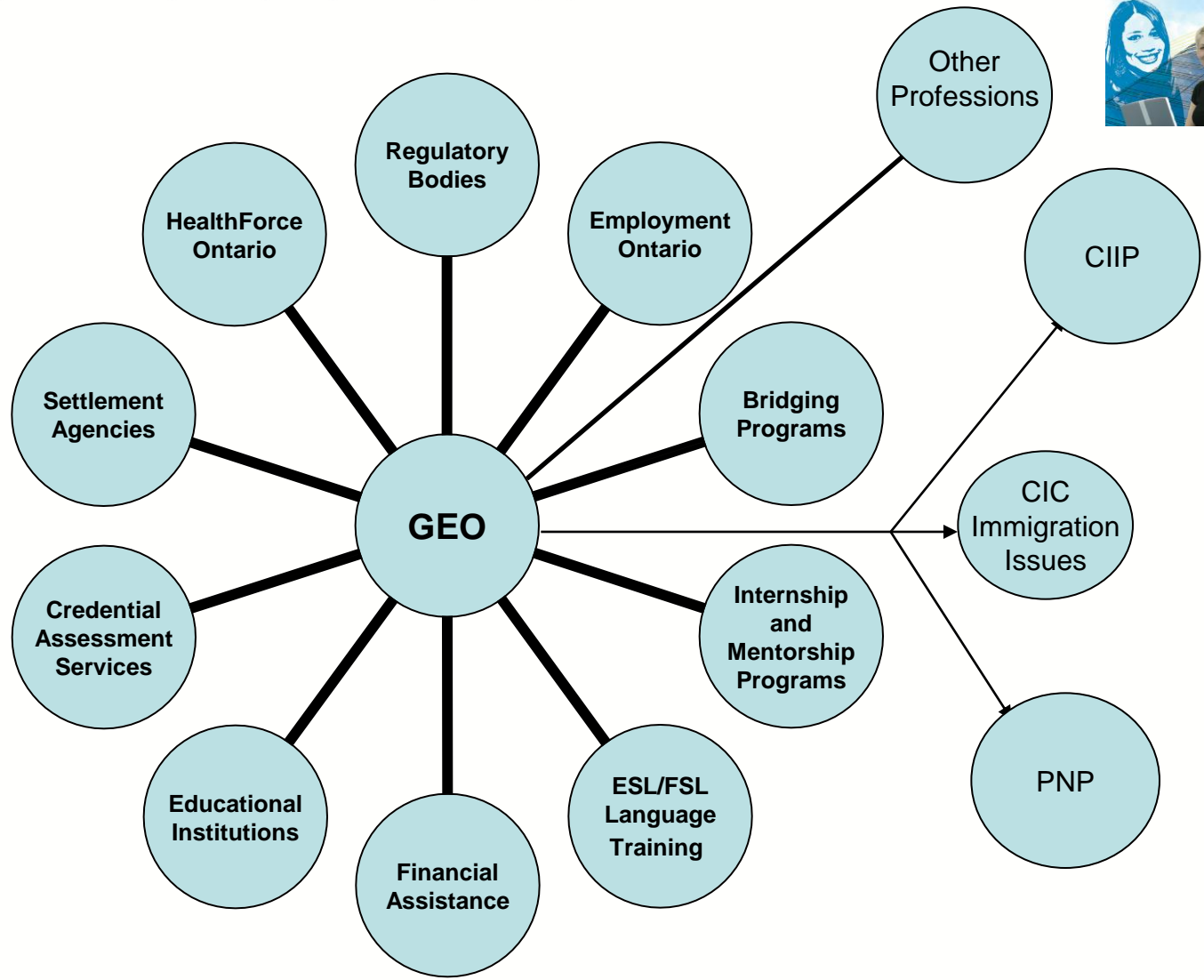
The 22 Compulsory/Restricted Trades (cont'd)

Apprenticeship and Certification Act, 1998:

11 Restricted Trades

1. Alignment and Brakes Technician
2. Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer Branch 1
3. Auto Body Repairer Branch 2
4. Automotive Electronic Accessory Technician
5. Automotive Service Technician
6. Fuel and Electrical Systems Technician
7. Hairstylist
8. Motorcycle Technician
9. Transmission Technician
10. Truck and Coach Technician
11. Truck Trailer Service Technician

Where are ITI's referred to:



Effective Integration: OntarioImmigration.ca

- Launched in 2006, [OntarioImmigration.ca](http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca) is the province's web-based information resource for prospective and landed immigrants.
- Over 2.5 million visits, over 8 million pages viewed, and over 5,000 inquiries answered to date.
- Municipal Immigration Information Online program:
 - Connects newcomers with Ontario's municipalities and local employers
 - Supports immigrant decisions on where and how best to settle when they arrive in Ontario
 - Prepares immigrants moving to a particular municipality at the pre-arrival stage.
 - 22 sites are now live:
http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/en/living/OI_HOW_LIVE_CITIES.html for a list.



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