## Upgrading from EPt to EP: Taking the Next Step

Congratulations on this next milestone in your environmental career! EPt members with 5+ years of Canadian environmental work experience are eligible to upgrade their designation to EP.

## What you need to know:

- You are required to submit your Professional Development Plan (PDP) and complete your Ethics module prior to upgrading check your member account for these documents and send them in to <a href="EP@eco.ca">EP@eco.ca</a>.
- EPt's receive a discount to upgrade (as opposed to apply as a new applicant). The EP
   Upgrade application fee is \$200. This includes the application and examination fee.
- All EP applicants are required to successfully complete the self-assessment and peer
  validation process, based on the <u>National Occupational Standards (NOS) for</u>
  <u>Environmental Employment</u> in the area(s) of specialization which you choose to apply in
  addition to the EP Ethics Examination. Each of these processes require a minimum
  score to pass.
- As an EP you are required to select a minimum of one (1) to a maximum of five (5) <u>area(s) of specialization</u>.

## How do I get started?

Applications to upgrade to EP are submitted via your online account:

- 1. Sign in at <a href="https://www.eco.ca/signin.aspx">www.eco.ca/signin.aspx</a>
- 2. From the 'My Certification' tab, click on the link to access your member account where you will see a link to 'UPGRADE TO EP'
  - Note: If you have 5+ years and don't see this link, please contact us at <a href="EP@eco.ca">EP@eco.ca</a> we likely just have to update a few important details!
- 3. You will then be prompted to process payment of your upgrade application fee and the system will guide you through the self-assessment and peer validation steps from there!

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:EP@eco.ca">EP@eco.ca</a>. Good luck!