

TSF Registry FAQ

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2	Address questions related to Registry application submission; reflect updates to the Registry Rules to allow an Applicant to rely on multiple Designated Affiliates to satisfy the Organizational Experience requirements in s. 2.2; and provide clarity on which jurisdictions the Applicant must submit insolvency searches for.	March 18, 2026
2.1	Updates based on applicant questions and responses	April 28, 2026
3.0	Reflect updates to the Registry Rules to add an organizational experience option for underwater high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission experience (s. 2.2(a)(ii))	June 25, 2026
3.1	Updates to clarify answers	August 24, 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

All capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the TSF Registry Rules (the “**Registry Rules**”).

The following questions have been submitted to the IESO via a number of channels, including via the [TSF@ieso.ca and engagement@ieso.ca] inbox and through stakeholder engagement feedback. This document will be updated on an ongoing basis with questions and responses pertaining to the Registry Rules.

1. Submission of Application Packages

1.1 Is there a preferred format for submitting application exhibits?

The IESO remains flexible regarding the application format and has no preference as to document type, or whether exhibits are submitted as a single document (excluding Exhibit A – Workbook) or as separate documents. Please ensure all exhibits are clearly named and easily identifiable.

1.2 Is there a target date for closing this Application Window? How much notice will the IESO provide before closing the Application Window, and where will it be posted?

The IESO will only accept Application Packages during a specified Application Window. At this time the IESO has not set a target date for closing the first Application Window; however, the IESO anticipates closing the Application Window in advance of the launch of the Toronto Third Line Request for Proposals (“**TTL RFP**”), currently targeted for mid-2027. The IESO strongly encourages prospective registrants to apply early.

To support early registration during the first Application Window, the IESO plans to wait to begin the first Renewal Window until two years following the initial Application Window’s closing date, so that all Registrants that registered during the initial Application Window will be required to renew their registrations at the same time, regardless of the date their registration was confirmed.

Prior to closing the initial Application Window, the IESO will post a notice on its website indicating the closing date. The IESO currently anticipates providing a minimum of 60 days’ notice.

1.3 Do I need to provide the Non-Exclusivity Attestation Form?

Yes, the Non-Exclusivity Attestation Form is required because the Toronto Third Line (“**TTL**”) project was announced on the IESO’s website on January 28, 2026. Please include the completed form in your Application Package.

1.4 Can the notarization of the statutory declaration be provided by a notary located outside of Canada? Does the statutory declaration included in the application require an apostille to certify the notary’s signature?

The notary can be located outside of Canada. The IESO does not require an apostille for the notarization.

1.5 Do the Applicant Primary and Secondary Contacts need to be employees of the Applicant, or can they be employees of either the Applicant or the Designated Affiliate(s) or another entity?

The Registry Rules do not require the Primary Contact and Secondary Contact to be employees of the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate. The individuals listed as Primary Contact and Secondary Contact will be used by the IESO for future correspondence related to the Registry and the Applicant’s Application Package so they should be individuals who have the capacity to respond to such correspondence.

2. Organizational Experience

2.1 Can the Applicant rely on more than one Designated Affiliate to meet the organizational experience requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules?

Yes, the Applicant can rely on more than one Designated Affiliate to meet the organizational experience requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii). The organizational experience options at Section 2.2(a)(i) and 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules each require that “[t]he Applicant, one or more Designated Affiliates of such Applicant, or in combination the Applicant and one or more Designated Affiliates of such Applicant” have performed the specified Required Competencies for Qualifying AC Projects or a Qualifying HVDC Project, respectively. The Prescribed Forms also make this explicit.

To meet either of the organizational experience options outlined in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii), the Applicant must ensure the following:

- each entity that the Applicant seeks to rely on to demonstrate organizational experience, other than the Applicant itself, must meet the definition of “Designated Affiliate” under the Registry Rules, as demonstrated by an organizational chart showing the relationship of the Applicant to the designated entity, submitted as Exhibit B to the Application Form; and
- a Designated Affiliate being relied on to demonstrate a particular Required Competency, as applicable, had an interest in the relevant Qualifying Project at the time the competency was undertaken.

Please note that the Applicant cannot rely on more than one Designated Affiliate to meet the financial strength requirements in Section 2.2(b) of the Registry Rules.

2.2 How do I demonstrate that the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate meets the organizational experience requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules?

In the workbook, clearly describe how the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, performed the Required Competency for each Qualifying Project. A Designated Affiliate is not permitted to rely on the experience of a third entity in demonstrating its performance of a Required Competency. The IESO must be able to determine from the information provided that the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, had an interest in the Qualifying Project at the time that it performed the Required Competency. When completing the workbook:

- The description of how a Required Competency was fulfilled must illustrate how the Required Competency was performed by the Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, with reference to each of the activities listed in the Registry Rules definition for the relevant Required Competency. For example, for “Developing”, the description must indicate how the Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, planned, designed, scheduled, engineered and procured materials, engaged in community and municipal consultations, obtained site access, obtained regulatory and environmental approvals and other permits necessary for construction for the relevant Qualifying Project.

- Use specific, action-oriented language (e.g., decisions made, deliverables produced, contracts held, financing arranged, permits obtained, assets owned/operated, responsibilities under agreements).
- If using terms such as “engaged,” “supported,” or “oversaw” that can be vague or ambiguous, please specify what that role entailed and how it demonstrates that the Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, performed the Required Competency.
- Provide enough context (timing, role, scope) for the IESO to assess compliance. If the Applicant’s or Designated Affiliate’s interest in a Qualifying Project changed over time, include relevant dates and information to clearly identify what the Applicant’s or Designated Affiliate’s role was at the relevant time that the Required Competency was performed.

2.3 Can the organizational experience requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules be satisfied by relying on the experience of one or more individual team members?

No, the organizational experience options in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules cannot be satisfied by relying on the experience of individual team members. The IESO is only evaluating organizational experience to determine Registry eligibility. However, the IESO is considering whether to allow some of the experience requirements in the TTL RFP to be satisfied at the team member level. To learn more about the TTL RFP and provide feedback on this and other issues, please tune into future TTL engagements and submit comments to [TSF@ieso.ca].

2.4 What happens if the Applicant or the Designated Affiliate, as applicable, acquired a late interest in a Qualifying Project such that it performed some, but not all, of the Required Competencies listed in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules in respect of that Project?

The Note at the end of Section 2.2(a) of the Registry Rules states: “If the Applicant or Designated Affiliate of the Applicant, as applicable, (A) acquired its initial interest in a Qualifying Project after the initiation of any Required Competency or (B) disposed of its full interest in a Qualifying Project prior to the completion of any Required Competency, then in its Application Package the Applicant must describe (C) the date an initial interest in a Qualifying Project was acquired or the full interest in the Qualifying Project was sold, as applicable, and (D) the Required Competency that was completed without the involvement of the Applicant or Designated Affiliate of the Applicant, as applicable.”

The experience required under Section 2.2(a)(i) of the Registry Rules must have been performed in respect of a minimum of two Qualifying AC Projects but can be amassed over more than two Qualifying AC Projects if necessary. If an Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, acquired a late interest in a Qualifying AC Project such that it performed some, but not all, of the Required AC Competencies in respect of such project, then the Applicant must demonstrate that the missing Required AC Competencies were met in respect of a minimum of two other Qualifying AC Projects, either by the Applicant, the same Designated Affiliate or a different Designated Affiliate.

Similarly, experience required under Section 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules must have been performed in respect of a minimum of one Qualifying HVDC Project but can be amassed over more than one Qualifying HVDC Project if necessary. If an Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, acquired a late interest in a Qualifying HVDC Project such that it performed some, but not all, of the Required HVDC Competencies in respect of such project, then the Applicant must demonstrate that the missing Required HVDC Competencies were met in respect of a minimum of one other Qualifying HVDC Project, either by the Applicant, the same Designated Affiliate or a different Designated Affiliate.

2.5 What type of interest in a Qualifying Project must be held by the Applicant or Designated Affiliate, as applicable, in order to satisfy the organizational experience requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii)?

The Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, must possess an ownership interest. Where the Qualifying Project has been owned during the applicable operating years by a limited partnership, it is the limited partnership itself that meets the Required AC Competency and no other Person (i.e., not the General Partner or limited partners).

2.6 As it relates to the entity's interest in the Qualifying Project, is a direct interest required, or would an indirect interest be acceptable?

Under Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules, the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, must have performed each Required Competency, in respect of a Qualifying Project in which it holds an interest. As noted under question 2.2 above, an Applicant or Designated Affiliate is not permitted to rely on the experience of a third entity to demonstrate its performance of a Required Competency.

Note that with respect to the Required Competency listed under Section 2.2(a)(i)(D) of "owning [...] for at least 5 years post Commercial Operation Date", the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, that is performing this Required Competency must establish in the Workbook that it directly owned the Qualifying AC Project at the relevant time. With respect to any other Required Competency listed under Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii), the Applicant or a Designated Affiliate, as applicable, that is performing the Required Competency may have indirectly owned its interest in the Qualifying Project so long as it can demonstrate that it performed the relevant competency itself during the period such interest was owned.

2.7 What is the meaning of the terms "upgrade", "redevelopment" and "expansion" as they relate to the definition of a "New Build" Project?

Schedule A of the Registry Rules defines "New Build" as "the construction of a Transmission Project that is not an upgrade, redevelopment or expansion of an existing Transmission Project". The terms "upgrade", "redevelopment" and "expansion" each refer to work involving the improvement or modification of any existing physical transmission assets that are already owned and operated by an existing transmitter. This may range from an incremental improvement, such as re-conductoring on existing structures, to a more significant improvement, including the full rebuild of an existing asset. However, and for greater certainty, the "twinning" of an existing transmission asset with all new infrastructure (even if within an existing right-of-way) would constitute a "New Build" in respect of the incremental, twinned line.

2.8 Would a new project constructed within an existing right-of-way satisfy the New Build and greenfield requirements in Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii)?

A new project constructed within an existing right-of-way would satisfy the New Build and greenfield requirements for a Qualifying Project under Section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii) of the Registry Rules if the project does not involve an upgrade, redevelopment or expansion of existing assets (as interpreted in accordance with the answer to question 2.7 above), but rather the development of entirely new infrastructure that makes use of some existing land rights. Please note that the project must also meet the remaining requirements of the definition of a Qualifying Project in either section 2.2(a)(i) or 2.2(a)(ii), as applicable, in order to be relied on to demonstrate the required organizational experience.

2.9 Is experience in respect of an offshore wind project acceptable to demonstrate organizational experience under Section 2.2(a)(ii)?

Experience in respect of offshore wind export cables, interconnectors, or offshore grid links may be used to demonstrate the Developing, Financing and Constructing competencies in section 2.2(a)(ii) (each being a Required HVDC Competency), provided that the relevant experience was performed in respect of a Transmission Project that otherwise meets the requirements of a Qualifying HVDC Project in section 2.2(a)(ii).

3. Financial Strength

3.1 Which jurisdictions should Applicants submit insolvency searches from in Exhibit C to the Application Form?

Section 2.2(b)(i)(B) of the Registry Rules states: "each of the Applicant and the single Designated Affiliate of the Applicant relied upon to demonstrate compliance with Section 2.2(b)(i)A, if applicable, must not have a history in the past five (5) years (prior to the submission date of the Applicant's Application Package) of any proceeding under any Insolvency Legislation or regulatory enforcement in which the Ontario Energy Board or an equivalent body (a) ordered it to surrender possession and control of its business or (b) suspended its transmission license."

Exhibit C to the Application Form requires the Applicant to submit insolvency proceedings searches in respect of the Applicant and the single Designated Affiliate, if applicable, on whom the Applicant relies to demonstrate compliance with Section 2.2(b)(i)A of the Registry Rules, from the applicable Governmental Authority for all jurisdictions in which the Applicant or such Designated Affiliate, as applicable, is organized, incorporated or formed, or in which it maintains its registered office or principal place of business. "Governmental Authority" has the meaning ascribed to it in Schedule A of the Registry Rules.