

Provincial Specialist Associations



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Overview

The BCTF encourages and supports 33 Provincial Specialist Associations (PSAs). As an integral part of the Federation, the PSAs operate in accordance with BCTF policies and procedures and their own constitutions.

All BCTF members are encouraged to become members of one or more PSA to share expertise and to gain information and experience.

Each year, the BCTF provides a complimentary PSA membership to each new member at the induction ceremony in the member's local.

Each PSA is unique—its strength determined by its members and its executive. PSAs promote communication among members through journals, newsletters, conferences, workshops, websites, e-mail lists, and other activities.

Individual PSAs are represented on the PSA Council through their presidents. The PSA Council provides advice to the BCTF Executive Committee on matters of concern to PSAs and on working and learning conditions, curriculum, professional development, and educational leadership.

Visit the PSA website at bctf.ca/PSAs.aspx.

PSAs

ABCDE	Association of BC Drama Teachers
AEA	Aboriginal Education Association
AEGTCCBC	Association for Educators of Gifted, Talented, and Creative Children in BC
APPIPC	Association provinciale des professeurs d'immersion et du programme francophone
BCAEA	BC Alternate Education Association
BCAMT	BC Association of Mathematics Teachers
BCATA	BC Art Teachers' Association
BCATML	BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages
BCBEA	BC Business Education Association
BCCASA	BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association
BCCLA	BC Co-operative Learning Association
BCDEA	BC Dance Educators' Association
BCEDL	BC Educators for Distributed Learning
BCMEA	BC Music Educators' Association
BCPTA	BC Primary Teachers' Association
BCMRTA	BC Rural and Multi-Grade Teachers' Association
BCMTPSA	BC Montessori Teachers PSA
BCSCA	BC School Counsellors' Association
BCScTA	BC Science Teachers' Association
BCSSTA	BC Social Studies Teachers' Association
BCTEA	BC Technology Education Association
BCTELA	BC Teachers of English Language Arts
BCTESOL	BC Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

BCTLA	BC Teacher-Librarians' Association
CUEBC	Computer Using Educators of BC
EAR	Educators Against Racism
EEPSA	Environmental Educators' Provincial Specialist Association
LATA	Learning Assistance Teachers' Association
PAGE	BC Teachers for Peace and Global Education
PEBC	Physical Education–British Columbia
PITA	Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association
TIEBC	Teachers of Inclusive Education, British Columbia
THESA	Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association

Join a PSA!

- Be the first to know about conferences and workshops.
- Access to the BCTF PSA's teacher inquiry group.
- Have voting rights at the PSA AGM.
- Be up-to-date on research, teaching strategies, curriculum developments, graduation/entrance requirements.
- Demonstrate your dedication to professional development.
- Discuss and influence local issues that impact your teaching conditions.
- E-mail alerts on teaching, position information and related pro-D.
- Exchange ideas.
- Gain experience in a variety of roles (writer, reporter, speaker, organizer, chapter leader, resource person, officer).
- Improve services to teachers and students.
- Obtain new/exciting information.
- Receive publications: journals and/or newsletters.
- Share your expertise with others who have similar interests.
- Receive information about scholarships and awards available through PSAs
- Receive discounted rates for the annual conference.
- Be an advocate for your teaching specialty.

How to join

You can register or renew your membership online. To access PSA online membership, go to www.bctf.ca, click on PSAs online, bctf.ca/PSAwebsites.aspx, and follow the appropriate actions.

Applications for joining provincial specialist associations are available from the BCTF website, bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/PSAs/~PSA-ApplicationForm.pdf. Memberships last for 12 months and begin from the date they are processed at the BCTF.

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