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CEFM designation gives facilities, maintenance and operations professionals a career path for advancement

The Certified Educational Facility Manager (CEFM) designation is the new quality and competence standard for professionals responsible for the management, maintenance and operation of educational buildings.

The CEFM designation was created by the Educational Facilities Managers Association of British Columbia (EFMA BC) and the Alberta Educational Facilities Administrator Association (AEFFAA) with the intention of ensuring that members with this designation are properly skilled, trained, and experienced to work in BC's educational facilities.

Current EFMA BC members who are in good standing may apply for this designation. To apply for and maintain a CEFM designation, EFMA BC members are required to maintain currency in their trade by engaging in specific training and professional development programs. The CEFM certification program also outlines identifiable career paths for facility professionals who are interested in receiving further training to advance their careers.

The designation is endorsed by the British Columbia Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO), an association of business professionals working school districts, whose membership includes Managers of Human Resources amongst other senior management groups.

More information about the program can be found on the [EFMA website](#). Careers in facility maintenance and operation can be found under the "Management and Professional" job category on Makeafuture.ca.

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CEFM designation gives confidence to employers hiring educational facility staff

The Educational Facilities Managers Association of British Columbia (EFMA BC), formerly the BC School Plant Officials (BCSPOA), has established a certification system to ensure the highest degree of professionalism and competency for individuals working in British Columbia school plants and facilities.

The Certified Educational Facility Manager (CEFM) designation was created as a joint venture between EFMA BC and the Alberta Educational Facilities Administrator Association (AEFFAA).

To receive the CEFM designation, EFMA members and other facility professionals must meet the specific competency requirements outlined in the certification program. To maintain the standard of excellence

that this designation represents, certified individuals must keep up-to-date with the latest trends, training and skills required in the field of educational facilities management.

Representing a high standard of professionalism, the BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO) supports the CEFM designation program. Consequently district human resources managers are encouraged to be mindful of this certifying program when developing the skills of their current workforce, and when hiring new staff.

More information about the program can be found on the [EFMA website](#).