

## CPABC Post-secondary Public Practice Lower Mainland Recruitment Framework – Spring 2025

### BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, and PwC

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The following document provides details on a framework for hiring of post-secondary students as agreed upon by the Lower Mainland offices of **BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, and PwC**. It provides recruitment timelines, including application deadline, first interview/offer out dates and offer acceptance dates as agreed upon by these firms, and endorsed by CPABC.

#### In Scope for this Framework

- Job offers for PPR (Pre-approved Route) full-time, summer and co-op positions where the position start date falls within the 2026 calendar year.
- Job offers extended by the Lower Mainland branches of **BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, and PwC**.

#### Out of Scope for this Framework

- EVR (Experience Verification Route) position job offers with any start date.
- The 2025 Framework does not apply to job offers extended by firms to students who have previously completed a co-op position with their firm.
- “On Demand” hires, or job offers extended to post-secondary students with a job position start date within the 2025 calendar year, are exempt from the Framework structure.
- **Fall Recruitment Framework:** As of January 31, 2025, the firms participating in this Spring 2025 Framework have not decided on dates for a Fall recruitment framework and expect to decide in June 2025. Once the firms confirm Fall dates, CPABC will provide an update to post-secondary schools and will update the CPABC website.
- Job offers extended by any other BC Lower Mainland public practice firm other than the firms listed above.
- Job offers extended by public practice firm offices outside of the BC Lower Mainland. BC Post-secondary Institutions, students, and firms should consult the [CPABC website](#) for information regarding Frameworks that may be in place for other regions of BC.

### 2025 SPRING ACCOUNTING RECRUITMENT TIMELINES

**PPR position recruitment activities engaged by the Lower Mainland offices of BDO, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, MNP, and PwC must meet the following criteria:**

- **First Interview/Offer Out Date:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 (no interviews may be conducted or offers extended prior to this date)
- **Offer Acceptance Date:** Friday, May 30, 2025 (all offers must remain open for acceptance until this date)

Any of the firms specified above, meeting a student between May 6, 2025, and May 30, 2025, may present an Offer of Employment to a candidate, however, these offers must remain open until May 30, 2025.

## Stakeholder Responsibilities

### STUDENTS

Students that wish to participate in the Spring and Fall recruitment season for PPR roles in public practice are encouraged to check CPABC's [Campus Recruitment Opportunities and Events webpage](#) regularly, prior to and during, the recruitment seasons for an updated listing of firm-led recruitment events.

It is the student's responsibility to:

- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation
- Provide accurate and appropriate information on resumes and application forms and at interviews
- Seriously consider their career goals and professional aspirations when making decisions about job offers to gain practical experience
- Be cognizant of, and committed to, academic responsibilities such as classes, exams, and projects, that may conflict with recruiting activities
- Consult the [CPABC website](#) for information if applying for roles outside of their region of residence

#### **Job Postings & Application Deadline:**

- Know and adhere to the application deadline
- Students are encouraged to seek employment opportunities on post-secondary job boards and on company websites

#### **Interviews:**

- Prepare for the interview
- Notify employers and/or the post-secondary career centre well in advance, if possible, if an interview needs to be postponed or canceled
- Acknowledge invitations for site-visits or second interviews promptly, whether accepting or rejecting the invite
- Accept interview invitations (second and subsequent) only when seriously considering a position with the employer

#### **Job Offers:**

- Discuss offers with employers to verify terms and reach mutually acceptable agreements
- Respond to every offer whether it is to be accepted or rejected
- Notify employers of acceptance or rejection of an offer as soon as a decision is made
- Notify the Career Centre immediately (if applicable) upon confirmation of a job acceptance in order to withdraw from further recruitment activities
- **Do not renege after accepting an offer;** honour the acceptance as a contractual agreement with the employer. All students are expected to treat accepted job offers as legally binding agreements.

## EMPLOYERS

It is the employer's responsibility to:

- Represent the profession in an ethical and responsible way
- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation as well as to follow federal and provincial privacy regulations
- Maintain confidentiality regarding the students' information, personal knowledge, written records and transcripts, unless the student has given prior consent
- Represent itself fairly and describe what it can offer to students during their experience
- Refrain from making or insinuating offensive remarks about another firm or organization

### Company Information Sessions & Events:

- Information sessions/corporate recruitment events for students hosted off-campus or virtually do not have any schedule limitations
- Firms participating in Spring and Fall recruit seasons for PPR roles are welcome to provide the date and times for their upcoming recruitment events (office tours, information sessions, etc.) to CPABC for posting to [the Campus Recruitment Opportunities and Events website page](#). For Spring recruit, this information will be added to this webpage the first week of March, with additional upcoming events added mid- March if necessary. For Fall recruit, this information will be added to this webpage once in late July and once again in August. This resource is to help employers plan their events so they do not overlap with one another.

### Job Postings & Application Deadline:

- It is recommended that job postings with application deadlines are displayed on post-secondary job boards to maximize exposure

### Interviews:

- Provide accurate information on job responsibilities, compensation, benefits and contact information
- Respond to all candidates within agreed-upon timeframes and provide reasonable notice of any interview cancellations
- Provide students with adequate time to prepare for interviews
- Advise students of any compensation for on-site or interview visits to employer's location or other off-campus locations
- On-campus interviews are to be coordinated with the post-secondary institution's schedules who should be given appropriate lead time to schedule these interviews

### Job Offers:

- For firms not listed as participating in this framework but participating in Spring and/or Fall recruit, they should provide a reasonable amount of time (preferably at least 5 business days) for students to respond to job offers
- Confirm job offers and terms of employment in writing to students
- **Do not renege after extending an offer.** Accepted offers are a contractual agreement between the jobseeker and the employer. All employers are expected to treat

accepted job offers as legally binding agreements.

## POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

It is the career educators' responsibility to:

- Comply with all relevant federal and provincial legislation and follow federal and provincial privacy regulations
- Follow legal and ethical guidelines in providing student information to employers
- Provide equitable services to all students and employers
- Address any questionable recruitment practices (at the post-secondary institution's discretion)

### Interviews:

- Accommodate employers' reasonable requests for interview times and space on-campus when available. Due to interview space constraints or organizational preference, many employers may choose to host interviews off-campus. These decisions are at the employers' discretion and there are no formal constraints on the timing/scheduling of the interviews.
- Ensure that students have a reasonable amount of time from the start of the school year to prepare for the on-campus recruitment process prior to the commencement of interviews

## CPABC

It is CPABC's responsibility to:

- Define and promote the value of the CPA designation to stakeholders (including students, post-secondary institutions, and employers)
- Actively focus on growing the CPA profession in British Columbia through recruitment and career information initiatives, and communication and outreach activities
- Support stakeholders in the recruitment process (this is a support role, not an enforcement role)
- Provide recruitment and career information to students
- Provide long-term support to students from initial interest in the profession, to membership and throughout their careers
- Regularly review (and adjust, as necessary) the recruitment process with stakeholders to ensure it continues to be of value to all stakeholders
- Address any questionable recruitment practices (at the profession's discretion)