

## DECLARATION FORM: NON-PRACTICING AGROLOGY IN MANITOBA

You have indicated to AgMB either orally or in writing that you are not practicing agrology.

This self-declaration form allows you to confirm and declare that you are not practicing agrology and that registration with the AM as required by The Agrologists Act is not required at this time. If you are retiring from active practice the information about Retired Status may be of interest.

If you are practicing agrology or wish to call yourself an Agrologist, then you must be registered.

Please do the following:

1. Read the *Information About Registration* section.
2. Complete, sign, and return the *Declaration of Non-Practice* portion of this form to AM if one of the following conditions applies to you:
  - A. Registered with AM, no longer practicing agrology
  - B. You wish to withdraw an active application for registration

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### INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION

#### 1. THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Agrology is a regulated occupation in Canada and in Manitoba and *'Agrologist' is a protected title*. Every person who practices agrology, and is qualified, or who calls themselves an agrologist, and is qualified, must be registered with the Institute, unless AM provides an exemption as provided under *The Agrologists Act*.

#### 2. PRACTICING AGROLOGY DEFINED

Agrology is a remarkably broad profession. Qualified practitioners have a formal science-based education and work in occupations ranging from teaching, research, and policy to extension activities and management of resources associated with agriculture. The Agrologists Act provides a legal definition for practicing agrology that is compared with information from the employer and individual to determine if registration is required. The legal definition refers to acts (action) and advice:

*“practising agrology” includes, subject to subsection (2), every act, with or without reward, which has as its objective the experimentation with or the giving of advice with respect to the principles, laws or practices relating to the production, improvement, use, processing or marketing of agricultural products, crops or livestock;”*

*“Agrologist means a person who is qualified to teach or practice the science or art of agrology”*

*--- The Agrologists Act*

### 3. I AM NOT ADVISING FARMERS, WHY DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED?

A common misperception is that only people who work directly with farmers need to be registered. Some also believe that only agronomists need to be registered. Neither of these statements is true. You are practicing agrology if you are transferring knowledge or giving advice to the public. The public can be clients or customers, others inside your organization or company, or people you teach or supervise, if you are doing research that may be published you may also be practicing. The Agrologists Act does not limit or restrict who the advice is given to. In addition to agronomy, other areas of practice related to production agriculture may include agri-business, agri-environment, and natural resources policy and management. If you are supervising others who are practicing agrology you probably need to be registered. (For detailed information on agrology work, check the AM website or contact the MIA office)

### 4. I AM A SUPERVISOR - WHY DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED?

If you are influencing or controlling the work or advice of others working in agrology, including signing off or approving their work, you need to be registered. This is because your qualifications and professional competence is supporting the work of others.

Registration requirement questions can usually be cleared up through a cooperative and factual review. Some who manage or supervise other Agrologists feel that if they are not providing direct advice to a client, a farmer, or a customer, they are not practicing agrology. The Act uses the words “every act” to help clarify the registration requirement. Among other things MIA may need to determine if an individual is responsible for developing or supervising delivery of agrology advice and knowledge transfer by others, or if she/he is involved in monitoring the quality of the advice given under his/her supervision. If AM confirms an individual is not practicing agrology, then registration is not required.

### 5. I AM A MANAGER - WHY DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED?

As a manager, I only provide agrology advice once in a while, and it is not my main job, so why do I need to be registered? Registration in a professional occupation isn’t based on how much business you do, or the amount of time involved. The requirement is that if you are practicing agrology, registration is required.

### 6. WHO DECIDES IF REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED?

AM's role is well- defined under the Agrologists Act; it is to determine if specific activities are practicing agrology within the meaning of the legislation or not. As these determinations are based on facts, we work cooperatively with employers and individuals to understand if what they are doing requires that they become registered. Registration decisions are not made based on who is paying the fees. Some employers pay fees on behalf of their employees, other do not. Who pays has no bearing on whether registration is required.

**7. IS REGISTRATION REQUIRED IF YOU ONLY WANT TO USE THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION AND ARE NOT PRACTICING AGROLOGY?**

Yes. Sometimes qualified individuals are not practicing but for other business reasons want or need to use the professional designation (P.Ag. / Tech.Ag.). For example, they may want to highlight the caliber of training or expertise in their company.

**8. WHY ARE AGROLOGY AND OTHER OCCUPATIONS REGULATED?**

Agrologists are very important contributors to the wellbeing of individuals and the economy. The Provincial government has legislation for over 30 professional activities in Manitoba including agrology. Over 20 are in health care and the rest, including agrology are in other occupations (lawyers, engineers, accountants, architects, to name a few). Regulated professionals have specialized knowledge, and their advice can have important economic or personal consequences, or both. By establishing who needs to be registered and by setting standards in these professions, the public, including employers and their clients and customers can differentiate who is qualified and entitled to practice. The requirement to be registered also assures a level of accountability expected by the public. A similar approach to professional regulation is followed in the rest of Canada.

**9. WHY SHOULD I REGISTER IF OTHERS I KNOW ARE NOT REGISTERED?**

The widening scope of agrology practice and the number of agrology specialties are ahead of our capacity to follow up with everyone. Some people may simply not know about the requirements while some others unfortunately and intentionally “fly under the radar” because we don’t know about them. By becoming registered you are doing the right thing; registration benefits you, the organization you work for, and the people and public you serve. If you think someone else should be registered, and may not be, email [registration@agrologistsmanitoba.ca](mailto:registration@agrologistsmanitoba.ca).

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If you have any questions or require further information about the foregoing, please contact the Agrologists Manitoba office; we are pleased to discuss requirements with you.

*The Agrologists Act of Manitoba*

Offences.

15(1) A person who is not a member in good standing of the institute shall not practise agrology.

Unauthorized use of title.

15(2) No person shall assume verbally or otherwise the title of agrologist, or any abbreviation thereof, or any title designation, or descriptive term, that may lead other persons to believe that he is a member of the institute or entitled to practise agrology, or act in such a manner as to lead to the belief that he is authorized to practise agrology, unless he is a member in good standing of the institute.

**DECLARATION OF NON-PRACTICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that I have read the information in this form, and I am not teaching or practicing Agrology, (as defined in the Agrologists Act: "*practising agrology*" includes every act, with or without reward, which has as its objective the experimentation with or the giving of advice with respect to the principles, laws or practices relating to the production, improvement, use, processing or marketing of agricultural products, crops or livestock) in the province of Manitoba.

By making this declaration, I understand that I cannot provide professional advice, or offer advisory services or represent myself as an Agrologist to the public. I will contact Agrologists Manitoba if I intend to practice agrology in Manitoba.

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Signature

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Date

\*Please submit signed declaration to: [registration@agrologistsmanitoba.ca](mailto:registration@agrologistsmanitoba.ca)

Reason for change in registration:

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY****Recommendation**

Accept/Do Not Accept Declaration

Confirmed by:

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Agrologists Manitoba  
Deputy Registrar/Registrar

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Date

Action:

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