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Good day,

[redacted] **Representatives Mailbox.**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

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Please refer to our website to learn about educational credential assessment (ECA).

For a foreign degree in the field of law to be assigned Comprehensive Ranking System points as a professional degree, the educational credential assessment (ECA) report must assess the degree as equivalent to a first professional university degree in law or to a "Bachelor of Laws", regardless of which ECA organization issues the report.

Please note that a "Bachelor of Laws", also commonly known as "Legum Baccalaureus", is a specific professional degree in the field of law. Equivalences with alternative spelling such as a "Bachelor in Laws" or "Bachelor of Law" will not be considered equivalent to a professional degree.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Dear Sir or Madam,

[redacted] a registered immigration consultant in

I seek clarification on the CRS points awarded for a "professional degree" under Express Entry.

1. The CRS system awards 126 or 135 points for a professional degree in specific fields, including law, as stated in the criteria.
2. According to IRCC's guidance on "How to Read Your Report," an ECA indicating "Bachelor of Laws" (plural) can be counted as a professional degree.
3. However, there is a concern from clients and it is confirmed by some consultants that only equivalencies issued by IQAS explicitly stating "Professional Degree" are accepted for CRS purposes, while a "Bachelor in Laws" or an equivalent worded differently—such as "Bachelor of Law" (singular)—might not qualify for the same points.

It has been my experience in my practice that that is not the case, however I would like official confirmation.

Could you confirm:

- Is a professional degree equivalency recognized equally regardless of which ECA organization issues it, even if the nomenclature differs?
- Would an ECA stating "Bachelor of Law" (singular) be at risk of not being awarded professional degree points due to word choices employed by different organizations?

I appreciate your clarification on how these variations impact CRS scoring.

Kind regards,