**Revalidation timeline for UNESCO Global Geoparks in Canada**

**Abbreviations:**

CCUNESCO Canadian Commission for UNESCO

CGN Canadian Geoparks Network

IGGP International Geoparks and Geoscience Programme

UGGp UNESCO Global Geopark

**First revalidation**

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| **Step** | **Actions** | **Deadline / Timeline** |
| **1** | Between nomination and the first revalidation, the UGGp must work to address **all** the recommendations made by the evaluators. |  |
| **2** | New UGGps are designated for a period of four years, i.e., from April Year 1 until April of Year 4. Revalidation evaluation missions take place in the summer; therefore, the first revalidation takes place early, in Year 3. The UGGp sends its one-page summary directly to the IGGP Secretariat one year prior to revalidation.  | 31st July, Year 2 |
| **3** | The UGGp prepares its revalidation documents (progress report, self-evaluation, and progress evaluation form). This is sent to the IGGP Secretariat by CCUNESCO with an accompanying letter of support. It must be received by CCUNESCO a **minimum of 2 weeks** before the deadline. The same deadline applies if the UGGp wishes feedback on the revalidation dossier from the CGN. | 31st January, Year 3 |

**Subsequent revalidations (green card)**

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| **Step** | **Actions** | **Deadline / Timeline** |
| **1** | Between the previous revalidation, and next revalidation, the UGGp must work to address **all** the recommendations made by the evaluators. |  |
| **2** | Revalidations take place 4 years after the previous revalidation.The UGGp sends its one-page summary directly to the IGGP Secretariat one year prior to revalidation. | 31st July, Year 3 |
| **3** | The UGGp prepares its revalidation documents (progress report, self-evaluation, and progress evaluation form). This is sent to the IGGP Secretariat by the CCUNESCO with an accompanying letter of support. It must be received by the CCUNESCO a **minimum of 2 weeks** before the deadline. The same deadline applies if the UGGp wishes feedback on the revalidation dossier from the CGN. | 31st January, Year 4 |

**Subsequent revalidations (yellow card)**

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| **Step** | **Actions** | **Deadline / Timeline** |
| **1** | Between the previous revalidation, and next revalidation, the UGGp must work to address **all** the recommendations made by the evaluators. |  |
| **2** | Revalidations take place 2 years after the previous revalidation. The UGGp sends its one-page summary directly to the IGGP Secretariat one year prior to revalidation. | 31st July, Year 1 |
| **3** | The UGGp prepares its revalidation documents (progress report, self-evaluation, and progress evaluation form). This is sent to the IGGP Secretariat by the CCUNESCO with an accompanying letter of support. It must be received by the CCUNESCO a **minimum of 2 weeks** before the deadline. The same deadline applies if the UGGp wishes feedback on the revalidation dossier from the CGN. | 31st January, Year 2 |

**All**

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| **Step** | **Actions** | **Deadline / Timeline** |
| 4 | The IGGP assigns two evaluators and sends them the revalidation documents. The aspiring geopark may request that the CGN appoints an observer for the revalidation mission. The revalidation mission program with the itinerary and detailed agenda of a minimum of 4-day visit to the region and including meetings with all relevant stakeholders, must be shared, and agreed on between the area to be evaluated and the evaluators and later sent to UNESCO Secretariat, **at least 4 weeks** before the mission. The revalidation mission takes place. | April – August |
| 5 | The UNESCO Global Geoparks Council discusses the evaluators’ report and decides whether to give a green, yellow, or red card to the UGGp. Representatives of the UGGp may apply to be observers at the Council meeting through the CCUNESCO. | September |
| 6 | Depending on the outcome, the next revalidation will occur in 2 years (yellow card) or 4 years (green card). |  |

**Resources**

[Statutes and Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark%3A/48223/pf0000234539)

[How to revalidate, extend and rename your Geopark](https://en.unesco.org/global-geoparks/revalidate-extend)

[One-page summary template](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/one_page_summary_template_for_revalidation_2022.doc_.zip)

[Progress report template](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/uggp_progress_report_template_2022-for_revalidations.docx_.zip)

[Forms for Revalidation (Form A and B)](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/uggp_progress_report_template_2022-for_revalidations.docx_.zip)

[Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geopark Field Inspection Missions](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/2020_guidelines_for_unesco_field_inspection_missions_new_logo_corr.pdf)