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## Professional bodies racist, Crown corporation asserts

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TORONTO - Racism is a factor in the failure of professional licensing bodies to properly recognize the credentials of immigrants, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) said Tuesday.

The foundation, a federal Crown corporation that operates at arm's length from the government, used Statistics Canada reports to conclude that immigrants with a university degree earned about 56 per cent less than their Canadian-born counterparts.






"Systematic racial discrimination" underlies "the huge waste of talent and resources," Karen Mock, CRRF executive director, said in a statement.

She called for a review of the professional regulators and relevant government agencies "to identify and remove the obvious barriers to equality of opportunity and outcome."


The study found a lack of information about the licensing process, few reliable tools to assess credentials awarded in other countries and limited transparency in the licensing process, said Grace-Edward Galabuzi, one of the report's authors and an assistant professor at Ryerson University in Toronto.

About 62 per cent of non-white immigrants in the past five years had higher education, compared with 23 per cent in the population at large, CRRF said.



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