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University of Lethbridge onboards to the new MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ **credential wallet platform – the new official nationwide digital credentials platform owned by the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC)**

Today, the University of Lethbridge, located in Alberta, officially joins ARUCC's National Network called MyCreds™ | MesCertif™. The two organisations are working collaboratively to make digital credentials accessible to the learner community.

MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ provides post-secondary learners across Canada with access to digitized and portable transcripts, badges, micro-credentials and credentials online – anytime, anywhere.

Key features of MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ credential wallet include 24/7 access by learners, bilingual service and support (French and English), and the ability for learners to access, view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and documents in a digitized format.

The University of Lethbridge seeks to enable their learners' global mobility and advance graduates employment success through the provision of verified digital credentials. Digital credentials (parchments/diplomas) will launch first in December 2020. Graduates from the October 2020 convocation and future graduating classes will benefit from digitized credentials. The online verification of graduation for employment purposes will become available in early 2021. The University is passionate about adopting digital technologies for the purpose of supporting students in a modern learning environment.

MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ is supported by dedicated English and French language websites providing easy access to the National Network login gateway. Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details.

The ARUCC National Network continues to expand nationwide with new partners welcomed regularly. To date, over 30 post-secondary pilot institutions have joined this game-changing national initiative with numbers continuing to rise as the rollout continues across the country. The University of Lethbridge is the third postsecondary institution in Canada to launch the new digital credential wallet to its students through the ARUCC National Network.

"Verified digital credentials and the benefits of digital adoption through the MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ credential wallet platform, form an extremely important part of the University of Lethbridge's progressive vision. We are very excited to partner with ARUCC and embrace innovative technology solutions to support and benefit our learners," says Kathleen Massey, associate vice president (students), University of Lethbridge.

"We extend our congratulations and warm welcome to the University of Lethbridge as they join the ARUCC National Network," says Charmaine Hack, chair, ARUCC National Network steering committee. "We are excited to progress forward in our goal to provide a national, secure digital platform for sharing official digitized post-secondary transcripts and credentials. Powered by Digitary, MyCreds™ | MesCertif™ offers learners a trusted digital credentials platform that is accessible and secure. We are working together with our colleges and universities to bring this to all of Canada's learners nationwide."

"Today we welcome the University of Lethbridge onboard to the ARUCC National Network and are thrilled to support their learner community by making digital credentials easily accessible," says Bert

van der Geest, regional director – North America, Digitary. "The University of Lethbridge will also be able to receive verified documents from around the world as part of Digitary's extensive global network."

About The University of Lethbridge
The University of Lethbridge, with campuses in Lethbridge and Calgary, Alberta, is one of Canada's top-ranked universities. As one of Alberta's four comprehensive academic and research universities, it offers.a liberal education-informed experience that promotes a diverse and inclusive environment. The University was founded in 1967 in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory and features the motto, Fiat Lux – let there be light – referring to the illumination that comes from research and learning. To learn more, visit www.ulethbridge.ca

About ARUCC
The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner focused service delivery in Canada. For more information about the National Network, contact the project's executive lead, Joanne Duklas, at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca or visit https://mycreds.ca/.

About Digitary
Digitary was launched in Dublin, Ireland in 2005, and has grown to become a leading online platform for certifying, sharing, and verifying academic credentials. Learner-centric since the very start, Digitary enables millions of learners to share their verified academic achievements online, securely, quickly and easily. Digitary is now used by organisations in over 135 countries. For further details visit www.digitary.net

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