The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I has changed. As a Canadian medical student or graduate (CMG), here’s what you can expect if you are taking the exam in 2020.

What’s changed?

MCCQE Part I availability

- The MCCQE Part I is available more frequently in over 80 countries, in multi-week windows, through our vendor Prometric
- In addition to being offered across Canada, the exam is also administered internationally
- Application to the exam is open year-round

Exam session dates

- The exam is available in 5 multi-week sessions
- 2020 exam sessions:
  - Jan. – Feb.
  - April – May
  - July
  - Aug. – Sept.
  - Oct. – Nov.
- The exam may not be offered at a given centre every session, or on all dates
- The dates at a given centre will be available when you schedule your exam appointment with Prometric

Student application

- You may wish to apply 7 - 8 months before you take the exam (you can however apply up to 15 months before your expected graduation date)
- Centres are only available for scheduling approx. 6 months prior to a given exam session
- You are eligible to apply 15 months from the date you are expected to fully complete all requirements for the medical degree (graduation date)
  - e.g., if you are expected to complete the requirements in June 2021, you can apply to the MCCQE Part I as of March 2020
- You will be required to submit a certified identity confirmation form and a certified copy of a valid/non-expired passport
- We need approx. 3 weeks to review your application once all required documentation has been received, and extra processing time will be required if you request test accommodations

Scheduling an exam appointment

- Scheduling is now continuously available
- You can choose your preferred centre and exam day from the published locations and dates available
- You will have a 12-month eligibility window to write your exam from the time you receive the Authorization to Test (ATT) number
- A fee will apply when rescheduling or cancelling an appointment with Prometric
- When your exam application is complete, you will receive an ATT number in your physiciansapply.ca account, which will allow you to schedule directly with Prometric
- Once you have scheduled your appointment, you will receive a confirmation email from Prometric including information such as:
  - scheduled appointment date
  - appointment status
  - location
  - Prometric confirmation number
- We cannot guarantee that you will be able to schedule your appointment on a specific date and/or at a specific centre
What’s changed?  

Test accommodations

- Advance planning and coordination are required for test accommodations
- Once we accept your exam application and approve the test accommodations, the standard 12-month window to write the exam applies
- Exam centres and dates cannot be guaranteed. Prometric will assist in setting an appointment once you receive the ATT number

New preparatory products available

- A full-length Preparatory Exam is available for purchase
- 3 Clinical Decision-Making (CDM), as well as 3 Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Practice test forms are available to students preparing for the MCCQE Part I
- Visit preparation resources for additional resources (e.g., demos, videos, FAQs, reference material, etc.)

Exam day – what to expect

- You will go through an enhanced security check-in before the exam

Results

- Exam results will be available approx. 7 weeks after the last day of the exam session
- You will receive a message through your physiciansapply.ca account stating that you can verify your final result
- 2 documents will later be uploaded to your account:
  - Your Statement of Results that includes your final result and total score, as well as the pass score
  - Your Supplemental Information Report that provides additional feedback on your performance, including your subscores and a comparison to other candidates

Number of attempts

- The MCCQE Part I has a limited number of attempts
- You may take the MCCQE Part I up to a maximum of 4 times
- After the 3rd attempt, you must wait one year before reapplying
- Exam attempts before 2018 do not count towards the total limit

physiciansapply.ca account fee

- The fee to set up a physiciansapply.ca account for CMGs is now applied in 2 instalments
- 1st instalment: $85 with your MCCQE Part I application
- 2nd instalment: $213 (for 2020) with your MCCQE Part II application

How does this impact you?

- We recommend that you identify and apply for test accommodations several months in advance, as they cannot be delivered on all exam dates and at all centres
- Visit test accommodations and special needs for more information and examples including access to assistive equipment, assistive personnel, additional testing time, break time, and personal items (medication, breast pumps, hearing aids, food, etc.)
- If you scheduled your appointment with Prometric before requesting accommodations, you may be required to cancel it

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