



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

MCCQE PART I – Information Sheet



What's changed?



How does this impact you?

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
- If you schedule an exam that is remotely proctored, you may take the exam at a location that is most convenient for you, provided that it meets the [environmental requirements](#)



Exam session dates

- The exam is available in [multi-week sessions](#)



- 2020 exam sessions: Jan. – Feb. / June – Sept. / Oct. – Nov.
- The exam may not be offered at a given test centre or through remote proctoring for every session, or on all dates
- The dates at a given centre and through remote proctoring will be available when you schedule your exam appointment with [Prometric](#)

Student application

- You can apply up to 15 months before your expected graduation date
- Visit [Application and eligibility](#) to confirm if your medical school meets the requirements



- You can 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
- Results from the June-Sept. 2020 session will be available in time for the [2021 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match](#)

Graduate application

- Visit [Application and eligibility](#) to confirm that your medical school meets the requirements
- You must have created a [source verification request \(SVR\)](#) for your medical degree/diploma through your [physiciansapply.ca](#) account



- After creating an SVR, you will be required to submit a [certified identity confirmation form](#) and a certified copy of a [valid/non-expired passport](#) along with any other required documents
- You can apply as soon as your medical degree/diploma is in progress of source verification
- 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
- Results from the June-Sept. 2020 session will be available in time for the [2021 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match](#)

Scheduling an exam appointment

- Scheduling is now continuously available
- You can choose your preferred exam delivery mode and exam day from the published locations and/or dates available

- When your exam application is complete, you will receive an ATT number (Eligibility number) in your [physiciansapply.ca](#) account, which will allow you to schedule directly with Prometric
- You may choose to schedule your exam appointment at a [Prometric test centre or through remote proctoring](#) (subject to availability)



What's changed?

Scheduling an exam appointment (cont.)

- You will have a 12-month eligibility window to write your exam from the time you receive the Authorization to Test (ATT) number (Eligibility number)



How does this impact you?

- Once you have scheduled your appointment, you will receive a confirmation email from Prometric including information such as:
 - scheduled appointment date
 - appointment status
 - location (whether at a Prometric test centre or through remote proctoring)
 - Prometric confirmation number
- We cannot guarantee that you will be able to schedule your appointment on a specific date and/or through your preferred exam delivery mode



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, remotely proctored exams, and dates cannot be guaranteed; Prometric will assist in setting an appointment once you receive the ATT number (Eligibility number)

- 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 or through remote proctoring
- 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



Preparatory products available for purchase

- A full-length Preparatory Examination with full answer key, including rationale and references
- 3 Clinical Decision-Making (CDM), and 3 Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) practice test forms with correct answers
- Visit MCC [preparatory products](#) to learn more

- Preparatory products enable you to gauge your preparedness for the MCCQE Part I through a sampling of questions and cases like the ones on the exam
- The content in our preparatory products goes through the same rigorous development process as the official exam content
- Taking a practice run of the exam allows familiarity with the exam structure and content, both MCQ and CDM question formats and the testing platform features



Exam day – what to expect

- [Learn more](#) on what to expect on exam day at Prometric centres



- You will go through an enhanced security check-in before the exam (to be modified while [physical distancing measures](#) are in place)



Results

- Exam results will be available approx. 7 weeks after the last day of the exam session
- NOTE: Due to the postponement of the April–May 2020 session and with a new, extended exam window (June – Sept. 2020) your exam results may be delayed.
- Visit the [Results](#) webpage for more details as they unfold.

- 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



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