



The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I has changed. As an international medical student or graduate, here's what you can expect if you are taking the exam in 2019.

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
- Application to the exam is open year-round

In addition to being offered internationally, the exam is administered in Canada in:

St. John's, N.L.	Ottawa, Ont.	Winnipeg, Man.
Dartmouth, N.S.	Kingston, Ont.	Saskatoon, Sask.
Halifax, N.S.	Toronto, Ont.	Regina, Sask.
Moncton, N.B.	Mississauga, Ont.	Calgary, Alta.
Québec, Que.	Hamilton, Ont.	Edmonton, Alta.
Trois-Rivières, Que.	London, Ont.	Prince George, B.C.
Chicoutimi, Que.	Windsor, Ont.	Kelowna, B.C.
Sherbrooke, Que.	Sudbury, Ont.	Vancouver, B.C.
Montreal, Que.	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Victoria, B.C.

Exam session dates



- In 2019, the exam will be available in four multi-week sessions: April/May, July, Sept. and Oct./Nov.
- In 2020, in addition to the above, we will also offer a Jan. session

- The exam sessions will run on the following dates in 2019:
 - April/May: April 12 to May 15, 2019
 - July: July 8 to 26, 2019
 - September: Sept. 3 to 20, 2019 (*revised dates)
 - Oct./Nov.: October 28 to Nov. 15, 2019
- The exam may not be offered at a given centre every session, or on all dates
- You will see the dates available at a given centre when you schedule your examination date with Prometric - starting in mid-Jan. 2019 (*revised date)

Student eligibility and application



- You are eligible to apply 15 months before your expected graduation date
- To be eligible, your medical school must be:
 - Accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) (in the U.S.)
 - or ◦ Identified by a Canada Sponsor Note in the World Directory of Medical Schools
 - or ◦ Accredited as a U.S. School of Osteopathic Medicine

- You are eligible to apply 15 months from the date you are expected to fully complete all requirements for the medical degree (graduation date)
 - For example: If your expected graduation date is June 2020, you can apply to the MCCQE Part I as of March 2019
- You will be required to submit a certified identity confirmation form and a certified copy of a valid/non-expired passport
- If you are eligible, you can apply at any time. There will be no "closing" of the application window.
- Note that we need approximately three weeks to review your application once all required documentation has been received, and that extra processing time will be required if you request test accommodations
- If you are an international medical student, results from both the July and Sept. 2019 sessions will be available in time for the 2020 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match process



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Graduate eligibility and application



- To be eligible, your medical school must be:
 - Accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) (in the U.S.)
 - or ◦ Identified by a Canada Sponsor Note in the [World Directory of Medical Schools](#)
 - or ◦ Accredited as a U.S. School of Osteopathic Medicine
- 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 are eligible to apply as soon as your medical degree/diploma is in progress of source verification or has been successfully source verified (verification returned - passed)
- If you are eligible, you can apply at any time. There will be no "closing" of the application window.
- Note that we need approximately three weeks to review your application once all required documentation has been received, and that extra processing time will be required if you request test accommodations
- Results from both the July and Sept. 2019 sessions will be available in time for the 2020 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match process

Scheduling an exam appointment



- You can choose your preferred centre and exam day from the published locations and dates available for testing
- You will have a 12-month window to write your exam
- For 2019 only, scheduling, previously expected to start in early Dec., will instead start in mid-Jan. 2019. After that point, it will be continuously available
- Although you can apply at any time, please note that spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis

- When scheduling opens in mid-Jan. 2019, you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) number in your [physiciansapply.ca](#) account, which will allow you to schedule your exam appointment directly with Prometric
- To submit results to the 2020 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match process, you will need to schedule your exam no later than during the Sept. 2019 session. Results from the Nov. 2019 session will not be available in time for this match process.
- Once you have scheduled your exam appointment, you will receive scheduling information such as:
 - scheduled exam appointment date
 - exam appointment status
 - location
- Please review the confirmation email from Prometric to confirm your exam appointment details
- We cannot guarantee that you will be able to schedule your examination on a specific date and/or at a specific centre

Test accommodations



- Advance planning and coordination are required for test accommodations
- Once we accept your exam application and review and approve the test accommodations, the standard 12-month window to write the exam applies

- You are asked to identify if you will be requesting test accommodations during the online exam application process
- Examples of test accommodations that you may request, with supporting documentation, include access to assistive equipment, assistive personnel, additional testing time, break time, and personal items (medication, breast pumps, hearing aids, food, etc.). Please visit our [test accommodations](#) page for more information.
- We recommend that you apply and identify test accommodations **several months in advance** of when you wish to take your exam



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Test accommodations (cont.)

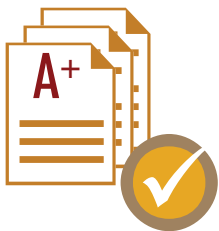
- Exam centres and dates cannot be guaranteed; Prometric will assist in setting an exam appointment once we have approved your exam application and test accommodations
- Test accommodations cannot be delivered on all exam dates and at all centres
- If you scheduled your appointment with Prometric before requesting accommodations, you may be required to cancel that appointment. Most test accommodations cannot be provided in standard examination appointments.

New preparatory resources available



- The new Clinical Decision-Making (CDM) Practice tests are available for purchase
- Three CDM, as well as three Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Practice test forms are available to students preparing for the MCCQE Part I
- A full-length Preparatory Exam will be ready in early 2019
- Additional resources including demos, videos, FAQs and reference material are available on our [Preparation Resources](#) page
- Practice tests enable you to test your preparedness for the MCCQE Part I and allow you to experience a sampling of questions and cases like the ones on the exam
- Practice test content is created by physicians and experts who have experience with the MCC's content development process
- You will have the opportunity to provide feedback on your Practice test experience via an online survey. Our aim is to enhance the Practice test experience based on this valuable input.

Results



- Exam results will be available approximately **seven weeks** after the last day of the examination session
- You will receive a notification by email and a message through your physiciansapply.ca account stating that you can verify your final result through your account
- Shortly after you receive this message, two documents will be uploaded to your account:
 - Your *Statement of Results*, which includes your final result and total score, as well as the pass score
 - Your *Supplemental Information Report*, which provides additional feedback on your performance, including your subscores and a comparison to other candidates

Number of attempts



- The MCCQE Part I has a limit on the number of attempts
- You may take the MCCQE Part I up to a maximum of four times
- After the third attempt, you must wait one year before reapplying
- After four attempts, in exceptional personal circumstances, you can request special permission to make a fifth attempt
- Exam attempts before 2018 do not count towards the total limit