



The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I has changed. As a Canadian 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)
  - October/November: Oct. 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



- 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



## What's changing?



## How will this impact you?

### 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-January 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
- 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
- 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



- You are asked to identify if you will be requesting test accommodations during the online exam application process
- Examples of test accommodations 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
- 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.



## What's changing?



## How will this impact you?

### 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](https://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

### physiciansapply.ca account fee

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The fee to set up a [physiciansapply.ca](https://physiciansapply.ca) account for Canadian medical students/graduates (CMGs) is applied in two instalments:

- First instalment: at the time of your MCCQE Part I application – \$85
- The second instalment: at the time of your MCCQE Part II application – (for 2019: \$205)

- Only those applying for the MCCQE Part I for the first time as of October 2018 will follow this new model of account fee payment
- The old model will remain in place for those who have already started the exam process at the MCC, including those who first applied for the MCCQE Part I before October 2018



**WHY?** In the past, you paid your [physiciansapply.ca](https://physiciansapply.ca) account fee in full when submitting an Application for Medical Registration (AMR) to a Canadian medical regulatory authority. The change in timing of payment of the account fee has been introduced because not all candidates used the AMR in their [physiciansapply.ca](https://physiciansapply.ca) account. When this occurred, they would forego the payment of their [physiciansapply.ca](https://physiciansapply.ca) account fee.