



PHASING OUT OF THE MCCEE FAQs

1. Why is the MCC phasing out the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE)?

- On November 1, 2017, we announced a more streamlined assessment process for international medical graduates and international medical students.
- Starting in April 2019, we will increase delivery of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I in Canada and internationally to over 500 sites in 80 countries, up to five times per year.
- Once the MCCQE Part I is offered internationally, all candidates will be challenging this examination directly, without first having to pass the MCCEE.
- With the streamlining of this assessment pathway, international medical graduates (IMGs) will have one less examination to take when entering the Canadian system.

For MRAs and residency program directors:

- Furthermore, medical regulatory authorities and residency program directors will benefit from having access to performance information on IMG cohorts that is comparable to their expectations of Canadian medical graduates.

2. When will this change take effect?

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- Once the MCCQE Part I is offered internationally, all candidates will be challenging this examination directly, without first having to pass the MCCEE.
- As a result of this change, we will be phasing out the MCCEE. November 2018 will be the last session. Candidates will have until mid-November 2018 to take the MCCEE. The deadline to apply to the last session is September 30, 2018.
- It is anticipated that application to the 2019 MCCQE Part I will open in October 2018.

3. What is the change in the prerequisites required to take the 2019 MCCQE Part I?

- Candidates applying to the MCCQE Part I in 2019 will no longer require a pass on the MCCEE. The last MCCEE exam will take place in November 2018.
- International medical students may apply to take the MCCQE Part I within the last 15 months of their expected date of graduation. This does not affect international medical graduates who, having already graduated, can take the examination at any time if they are otherwise eligible.

4. What is the current situation?

- The MCCQE Part I is presently offered twice per year in Canada only. Currently, international medical graduates and international medical students must first pass the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) before being eligible to apply for the MCCQE Part I.
- This will change when the MCCQE Part I is offered internationally starting in April 2019. Once the MCCQE Part I is offered internationally, all candidates will be challenging this examination directly, without first having to pass the MCCEE. The final MCCEE will take place in November 2018. The deadline to apply to the last session is September 30, 2018.

5. How is a change like this decided?

- The decision to sunset the MCCEE is linked to exam modifications and the MCC's [Blueprint](#) initiative to ensure that MCC examinations reflect the reality of medical practice and the health-care needs of society today.
- PGME Deans were also consulted and decided that beginning with the 2020 CaRMS residency application cycle, the MCCQE Part I will replace the MCCEE as the prerequisite for international medical graduates and international medical students applying for postgraduate medical education in Canada.

6. What does this mean for the 2019 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match?

- The MCCEE is still an entry requirement for international medical graduates applying to the 2019 CaRMS R-1 Main Residency Match.
- Candidates taking the MCCEE for the 2019 Match should take the exam no later than the September 2018 session. Results from the November 2018 session will be accepted by CaRMS but will not be released in time for file review in the first iteration. Thus, please be aware that programs may not accept them.

7. How will the phase-out of the MCCEE impact the National Assessment Collaboration (NAC)?

- Please note that the NAC Examination will continue to be offered every year in Canada in March and September. In anticipation of the upcoming phase-out of the MCCEE, the MCC has eliminated the requirement for candidates to pass the MCCEE before applying to the NAC Examination.
