



PEICOT

POLICY TITLE: APPROVED EXAMINATIONS

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Successful completion of a College-approved examination is an essential requirement. It is a key indicator that applicants have the necessary entry-level knowledge for practice.

The currently approved examination is the National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination (NOTCE) administered by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT).

Inclusion/Exemption Criteria:

- 1) Unless there are exceptional circumstances, applicants who have graduated from Canadian occupational therapy education programs after 1985, and those who established their practice in Canada after 1985, will be required to successfully complete the examination.
- 2) Applicants who graduated from a Canadian occupational therapy education program prior to 1986 and those internationally educated occupational therapists who established their practice in Canada prior to 1986, may in appropriate circumstances, be exempted from the examination requirement.
- 3) Applicants who are applying for registration under the auspices of the OT Labour Mobility Support Agreement (LMSA) which is based on the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, Chapter 7, may not be required to demonstrate successful completion of an entry to practice examination, if that was not required in the previous certifying jurisdiction.

Verification of Successful Completion:

- 4) For applicants who successfully passed the examination prior to March 1, 2018, the results may be provided by the applicant to the College. In some cases, the College may require the applicant to contact CAOT and request a copy of their examination results be sent directly to the College.
- 5) For applicants who completed the examination on or after March 1, 2018, the College must receive the results directly from CAOT.
- 6) Exam results will be provided by the sending jurisdiction if the applicant is applying through the LMSA.

Possible Outcomes:

- 7) An applicant will be deemed to have met the examination requirement when the College receives evidence in the manner described in paragraph 4), 5) or 6), as applicable, that an applicant has successfully passed the examination.
- 8) An applicant will be deemed to have not met the examination requirement when the College

receives evidence in the manner described in paragraph 4), 5) or 6), as applicable, that the applicant has not successfully passed the examination.

- 9) An applicant has two attempts to successfully complete the NOTCE under the Provisional Register. A third attempt requires permission from the College for the applicant to access the examination. Note: CAOT allows only three attempts to successfully complete the NOTCE; after three attempts, individuals are no longer eligible to write the NOTCE.

Examination Eligibility:

10) The College will determine the eligibility of each applicant for registration with PEICOT to write the examination.

- a) Applicants who have successfully completed an approved occupational therapy education program at a Canadian university within the two years prior to the date of the exam will be deemed to be eligible to write the examination upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the university, that the candidate:
 - i) has convocated; or
 - ii) has successfully completed all requirements of the occupational therapy education program and is recommended for convocation.

- b) Applicants who have successfully completed an approved occupational therapy education program at a Canadian university, more than two years before the date of the exam will be deemed eligible to write the examination upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the College, that the applicant is eligible to write the examination.

- c) Applicants who have successfully completed an occupational therapy education program that has not been approved by the Registration Committee, but have met the College’s education requirement, will be deemed eligible to write the examination as part of their application to the College upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the College, that the applicant is eligible to write the examination.

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