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| **Department** | Exam |
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The Ontario Clinical Exam (OCE) will be administered starting in late fall 2022. Applicants for registration with the College who meet the following criteria will be eligible to register for and attempt the OCE. The OCE is one of the practical / clinical exams that has been approved by Council at this time.

Council for the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO) has determined that the following licensure exams are those acceptable to the College. Successful completion of one grouping is a registration requirement for an Independent Practice certificate of registration.

* The Physiotherapy Competency Exam (written) and the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (clinical) both administered by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR)
* The Physiotherapy Competency Exam (written) administered by CAPR and the Université de Sherbrooke’s Final Comprehensive Exam
* The Physiotherapy Competency Exam (written) administered by CAPR, and the Ontario Clinical Exam (OCE) administered by CPO

The Registration Committee Policy which currently exempts certain individuals from having to complete a clinical exam (“Exemption Policy”) will be revoked March 31, 2023, meaning that applications under that policy will no longer be accepted after March 31, 2023.

**The following individuals will not be eligible to attempt the OCE**

1. Individuals who have attempted and been unsuccessful on 3 or more occasions at

1. the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (clinical) administered by CAPR,
2. any clinical examination or alternative pathway to registration recognized for licensure/registration in another Canadian province in a class equivalent to CPO’s Independent Practice Class and which has a pass / fail component, or
3. any combination of the above
4. Individuals who currently hold a Provisional Practice certificate (or equivalent) in another Canadian jurisdiction without also being registered in Ontario unless that jurisdiction has approved the OCE as an acceptable clinical exam

**To be eligible to attempt the Ontario Clinical Exam, the individual must not be ineligible as referenced above and must meet one of the following criteria:**

1. The individual currently holds a Provisional Practice certificate of registration in Ontario, or
2. The individual previously held a Provisional Practice certificate of registration in Ontario and has previously unsuccessfully attempted the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (clinical) administered by CAPR on not more than 2 previous occasions, or
3. The individual previously held an Independent Practice certificate of registration in Ontario and is required to successfully complete a clinical competency examination to be able to return to practice, or
4. The individual has previously successfully completed the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (written) within the last five years
5. The Registration Committee has directed that the individual attempt the OCE, or
6. The individual holds an Independent Practice certificate of registration issued by CPO which has a term, condition or limitation that requires the individual to successfully complete the OCE, or
7. The individual is the subject of an Undertaking or Agreement with the College which requires the successful completion of the OCE.

Note: The CPO will only recognize written Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE-Written) results as valid if the result was achieved within the last 5 years from the date of application submission to the OCE. Candidates with invalid PCE—Written results will be directed to complete and pass the exam again to be eligible for the OCE.

**Labour Mobility**

Where an individual holds an Independent Practice certificate of registration (unrestricted) in another Canadian jurisdiction, the candidate will be able to apply for an Independent Practice certificate of registration in Ontario, regardless of the licensure pathway that they took to obtain their Independent Practice certificate in that jurisdiction as long as they can demonstrate that they meet all other eligibility criteria applicable to Labour Mobility applicants.