



Examination Eligibility Policy

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Scope

This policy applies to all examinations candidates who wish to register for the Written Component of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE).

Purpose

To provide clarity regarding who is eligible to register for the Written Component of the PCE and the number of attempts a candidate is permitted to pass the examination.

Policy

Initial Eligibility:

Canadian-educated candidates

Canadian-educated candidates who wish to register must be enrolled in, or a graduate of, an entry-to-practice physiotherapy program that has been granted Accreditation Status by Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (PEAC). Canadian-educated candidates may attempt the Written Component of the PCE in their final term of academic study.

Internationally educated candidates

Internationally educated candidates who wish to attempt the Written Component of the PCE must have written confirmation of eligibility from the CAPR Credentialling Program indicating that they have successfully met the CAPR Credentialling Standards. Eligible internationally educated candidates must attempt the Written Component of the PCE within two years of receiving a credentialling results letter (see *Credentialling Policy 2.9 Expiration of Credentialling Results*).

Eligibility to Retake the PCE

Prior to 2013

All candidates who attempted the Written Component of the PCE for the first time prior to 2013 are referred to as **Section B candidates**. These candidates, whether Canadian-educated or internationally-educated, have a maximum of 5 attempts to pass the Written Component of the PCE, as per the policy in place at the time of their first attempt. There is no time limit within which the 5 attempts must be completed. After 5 failed attempts, Section B candidates have exhausted their exam eligibility.



During or after 2013

All candidates who attempted the Written Component for the first time in **2013 or later** are referred to as **Section A candidates**. These candidates, whether Canadian-educated or internationally educated, have a maximum of 3 attempts to pass the Written Component of the PCE. There is no time limit within which the 3 attempts must be completed. After 3 failed attempts, Section A candidates have exhausted their exam eligibility.