



MCQ Exam Switching to Online Remote-Proctored Format

December 4, 2020

The College is announcing a change in the format and date of the upcoming MCQ portion of its Qualifying Examination. The MCQ exam will now be administered as an online, remote-proctored exam (previously in-person). A new exam date is set for Thursday, January 21, 2021. Approved candidates will be assigned an exam start time for Thursday, January 21, 2021 in advance of the exam.

Throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College operates under the precautionary principle – to exercise caution in all of its activities, including the administration of the Qualifying Examination. Opting for an online exam format supports this principle and better protects candidates, staff and the public at large. This format also allows the College to provide a date for administration of the MCQ exam that can proceed regardless of changes in the dynamic of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A remote-proctored exam is an online exam written in any location/city/province of the candidate's choosing. A remote-proctored examination involves a live proctor that will observe candidates in real time using the candidate's computer webcam and a connected smart phone camera. Other than these modifications, the MCQ exam has not changed in any other way.

A separate MCQ Candidate Information Package detailing the technical and environmental requirements for candidates taking this remote-proctored examination can be found here:

- [MCQ Candidate Information Package](#)

OSCE Exam Update:

The OSCE portion of the Qualifying Examination is currently scheduled for January 30 and 31, 2021 at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. The College is immediately aware of the fact that the City of Hamilton Public Health Services are currently operating under Level Red (Control) Category where indoor meetings and events are limited to 10 persons. The College continues to monitor this evolving situation and encourages all prospective examination candidates to frequently check the College website for updates regarding the administration of the OSCE examination.

Mandatory Online Candidate Orientation - Monday January 18, 2021 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm:

The College will be hosting an online mandatory candidate orientation on Monday, January 18, 2021. The College will present an overview of the remote proctored MCQ as well as information regarding the OSCE exam, there will be an opportunity for candidates to ask questions regarding the Qualifying Examination.

The College will send invitation links by email to all registered candidates in January. All candidates attempting the exam must attend.

Please mark the date and time in your schedules!

Key dates:

Payment Processing - Payments for the exam will be processed on January 4, 2021.

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