



# Clinical OSCE Portion of the Qualifying Examination Postponed

December 15, 2020

In these unprecedented times during the COVID-19 pandemic, the College regrettably announces the postponement of the clinical OSCE portion of the College's Winter 2021 Qualifying Examination. The MCQ portion of the Qualifying Examination will be administered as scheduled on January 21, 2021 in an online remotely proctored format.

The postponement of the clinical OSCE portion of the exam arises directly from the provincial restrictions that are a result of the current dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has operated with a precautionary principle, exercising caution in all of its activities, advancing individual and public safety. The postponement of the clinical OSCE portion of the Qualifying Examination follows provincial Public Health mandates and protects the safety and well-being of all individuals involved in the Qualifying Examination including, candidates, standardized patients, assessors, and staff.

The College was fortunate to be able to develop an online MCQ examination that will be administered in January 2021, as previously announced. The complexities and logistics involved with creating a virtual clinical OSCE examination currently prohibit such a format, particularly in time for the January 2021 administration.

Members of the College Council made this difficult decision at its meeting last Friday, December 11, to provide candidates with the advanced warning they need to avoid making any travel or accommodation arrangements to attend the January OSCE examination.

This postponement is disappointing for candidates who are preparing for the examination. However, we all remain optimistic that 2021 will bring relief from the pandemic. Given the current dynamics of the pandemic, the date for the next administration of the exam remains unclear until restrictions are lifted, and health and safety concerns are relaxed.

Candidates who have concerns about employment that arise because of this postponement in the administration of the clinical OSCE examination, are reminded of the College's [Supervision of Students, Examination Candidates and Potential Examination Candidates policy](#) that provides individuals who are currently examination candidates with opportunities to work in practice under the supervision of a Registered Denturist in Ontario.

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## Withdrawing from the Exam:

- Given these developments, Candidates may wish to withdraw their QE Registration for the entire Winter 2021 Exam. There will be no penalty to withdraw from the exam at this time.
  - Please email the College with your request to withdraw from the exam by January 4, 2021.

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## Reminder: MCQ Exam – Thursday, January 21, 2021:

The MCQ exam will be administered Thursday, January 21, 2021. An email will be sent out in January notifying you of your exam start time. **Please carefully review the technical requirements that were communicated to you in the MCQ Candidate Information Package. Candidates must have access to a desktop computer or laptop with a webcam and a mobile phone with a camera. The College will not have the ability to make any adjustments or accommodations to these requirements for online proctoring of the MCQ examination on the date of the examination.**

You can find the MCQ Candidate Information Package here:

[MCQ Candidate Information Package](#)

- The College will process payments (for the MCQ portion of the exam) the week of January 4, 2021
  - For credit card payments – only the MCQ fee of \$904.00 will be processed

For certified cheques/money orders – the MCQ fee will be processed, the remainder of the amount will be returned to you in late January. College Staff will reach out to candidates directly in January.

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

The College will be hosting an online mandatory candidate orientation on Monday, January 18, 2021. An overview of the remotely- proctored MCQ will be presented. There will be an opportunity for candidates to ask questions regarding the Qualifying Examination.

All approved, registered candidates will receive an invitation link to the orientation session by email in January. All candidates attempting the exam must attend.

Please mark the date and time in your schedules!

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**Key dates:**

**January 4, 2021** - Payment Processing - Payments for the exam will be processed the week of January 4, 2021.

**January 18, 2021, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EST** - Mandatory Online Candidate Orientation – Invitations will be sent by email to candidates in January.

**January 21, 2021** - Online MCQ Exam Date

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