

## National Assessment Collaboration (NAC)

The National Assessment Collaboration (NAC) is an alliance of Canadian organizations streamlining the evaluation process for international medical graduates (IMGs) seeking a licence to practise medicine in Canada.

The NAC examination assesses the readiness of an IMG for entrance into a Canadian residency program. It is a national, standardized examination that tests the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for entrance into postgraduate training in Canada.

Comprising a series of clinical stations, the NAC examination presents typical clinical scenarios. The examination may include, but is not limited to, problems in medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry and surgery.

Achieving a pass standing on this examination does not guarantee a training position in Canada. However, candidates receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses as assessed in the examination. Candidates can then choose to share this information with program directors as part of their application to residency training programs.

All NAC examination candidates are, at a minimum, required to have passed the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) before being eligible to take the NAC examination. Some jurisdictions may add region-specific criteria.

The Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) accepts NAC examination results as part of match application packages. Please contact CaRMS for further information on its match application requirements.

The NAC examination is not a prerequisite to obtain the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. However, depending on the provincial IMG assessment program, a pass result on the NAC examination may be a prerequisite for eligibility for residency training programs.

### Examination at a glance

The NAC examination can be taken at any of the examination sites and will be accepted by residency program directors regardless of where it was taken. Candidates do not have to take the examination in the province in which they will apply for residency.

September 2016					
Examination session	Examination centres*		Application information	Fee	Results
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)	<b>Application is now open</b> and will remain open until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on May 31, 2016.	\$2,309	Results are available 6 to 8 weeks after the
	<b>Que.</b>	Montreal (E)			
Sunday, Sept. 11,	<b>B.C.</b>	Vancouver (E)			
	<b>N.S.</b>	Halifax (E)			

2016	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)	<p><b>Centre assignment:</b> A message will be sent by <b>mid July</b> to all accepted candidates once the examination centres have been assigned. This message will explain how to view your centre assignment through your account.</p>	examination date.  See results for more information.
	<b>Que.</b>	Montreal (E and F)		
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016	<b>Alta.</b>	Calgary (E)		
	<b>Alta.</b>	Edmonton (E)		
	<b>Man.</b>	Winnipeg (E)		
	<b>Ont.</b>	Ottawa (E)		
	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)		
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016	<b>Alta.</b>	Calgary (E)		
	<b>Alta.</b>	Edmonton (E)		
	<b>Man.</b>	Winnipeg (E)		
	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)		

Examination session for March 2017		
Expected application opening timeframe: November 2016		
Examination session	Examination centres*	
Saturday, March 18	<b>B.C.</b>	Vancouver (E)
	<b>Man.</b>	Winnipeg (E)
	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)
	<b>Que.</b>	Montreal (E and F)
Sunday, March 19 (TBD)	<b>Ont.</b>	Toronto (E)

\* The centres are subject to change.

For information regarding centre assignment, please visit the Centre selection page.

## **Fees**

The Medical Council of Canada and the provincial programs offering the examination have worked together to establish a national fee which will apply to NAC examinations. For more information on the NAC examination fee, please visit the Examination and Service Fees page.

If you would like to be notified when registration to future examination sessions opens, submit your email address by clicking on the button below. Please note that the notification will not be sent through candidates' physiciansapply.ca accounts – it will be sent to the email address that has been provided. Once your email address has been submitted, you will receive a welcome email, which is also your confirmation that you have been added to the distribution list.

This is an added service that the MCC is providing therefore it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure the correct email address has been entered. It is also the candidate's responsibility to monitor his or her email account. The MCC cannot guarantee that the email notification will reach the candidate's inbox.

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## Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination

The Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) is a four-hour, computer-based examination offered in both English and French at more than 500 centres in 80 countries worldwide. International medical students or U.S. osteopathic students in the final 20 months of their program and international medical school graduates or U.S. osteopathic graduates must take the MCCEE as a prerequisite for eligibility to the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examinations.

The MCCEE is a general assessment of the candidate's basic medical knowledge in the principal disciplines of medicine. It is also designed to assess the skills and knowledge required at the level of a new medical graduate who is about to enter the first year of supervised postgraduate training.

The computer-based MCCEE consists of 180 multiple-choice questions, each listing five possible answers of which only one is the correct or best answer. The MCCEE questions cover the following domains: Child Health, Maternal Health, Adult Health, Mental Health, and Population Health and Ethics. A number of questions in the examination also have a focus on general practice.

### Examination at a glance

Session dates*	Fee	Scheduling for these examination dates	Results
<b>2016</b>	\$1,737	Scheduling for a particular examination date closes 120 hours before the examination date and time.  For eligibility requirements, see Application and eligibility.	Results are available approx. 7 weeks after the last day of the examination session. See results for more information.
Jan. 4 – 17			
March 7 – 27			
May 2 – 22			
Sept. 5 – 18			
Oct. 31 – Nov. 13			

#### \* Generally Mondays through Fridays; some sites may run on Saturdays and/or Sundays

- Application to the MCCEE is ongoing. While there are no deadlines for applying to the MCCEE, there are deadlines for scheduling an examination date and time once your MCCEE application is accepted.
- View the list of countries where the MCCEE is offered. The centres (i.e. test sites) are operated by Prometric, the service provider that the MCC has contracted for scheduling and administering the computer-based MCCEE.
- To change or cancel your appointment, contact Prometric directly.
- For information on eligibility window extension, see Taking and retaking the EE page.
- Interested in taking both the MCCEE and NAC examinations? Find out the deadlines to take the MCCEE to be eligible for the NAC examination.

## The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part I (MCCQE)

The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part I (MCCQE) Part I is a one-day, computer-based test that assesses the competence of candidates who have obtained their medical degree, for entry into supervised clinical practice in postgraduate training programs. The MCCQE Part I assesses knowledge, clinical skills and attitudes as outlined by the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) Objectives.

The candidate is allowed up to 3 ½ hours in the morning session to complete 196 multiple-choice questions. The candidate is allowed 4 hours in the afternoon session for the clinical decision making component, which consists of short-menu and short-answer write-in questions.

### Examination at a glance

Dates	Fee	Application information	Examination centres*		Results
<b>Fall 2016</b>	\$1,005	<p><b>Application is now open.</b></p> <p>Eligibility requirements, see Application and eligibility.</p> <p>Main application deadline: Monday, July 4, 2016.</p> <p>Final application deadline: 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.</p> <p>See Late applications.</p>	<b>Alta.</b>	Calgary, Edmonton	<p><b>Spring session:</b> Results will be available by the end of June.</p> <p><b>Fall session:</b> Results will be available by the end of December.</p>
Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 and Nov. 7 to 10	<p>Applications after 11:59, p.m., Eastern Time on Monday, July 4, 2016 :</p> <p>\$1,507 (includes a 50% late fee)</p>		<b>B.C.</b>	Prince George, Vancouver, Victoria	
			<b>Man.</b>	Winnipeg	
			<b>N.L.</b>	St. John's	
			<b>N.S.</b>	Halifax	
			<b>Ont.</b>	Hamilton, Kingston, Mississauga, Ottawa, Toronto	
			<b>Que.</b>	Montreal, Quebec	
			<b>Sask.</b>	Saskatoon	

\*The centres are subject to change.

### Clarification regarding examination centres, dates and language:

- For information regarding date selection, visit Scheduling
- The number of days a particular centre runs depends on the maximum daily space capacity and the demand for that centre
- The number of days and specific dates a centre runs vary from centre to centre
- The specific days a centre runs depend on a number of factors including availability of its computer labs and may not necessarily be consecutive days

- The examination may be taken in either English or French at any centre. However, staff and technical support may be limited to a specific language.
- Support at the centres will be offered as follows:
  - In both official languages in the Ottawa and Montreal centres
  - Primarily in French in the Quebec and New Brunswick centres
  - Primarily in English in all other centres

### **Proposed future MCCQE Part I date**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Proposed dates (to be confirmed)</b>	<b>Expected application opening timeframe</b>
Spring 2017	April 24 to May 11	October 2016

### **Application to future MCCQE Part I examination sessions**

To receive a notice when registration opens for future examination sessions, submit your email address below. The MCC will send this notification to your email address and not through your physiciansapply.ca account. The MCC cannot guarantee that the email notification will reach your inbox.

The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part II assesses the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for medical licensure in Canada prior to entry into independent clinical practice.

This examination consists of a series of clinical stations including pilot stations that do not count towards a candidate's total score. At each station, a brief written statement introduces a clinical problem and directs the candidate to appropriately examine a standardized (simulated) patient as well as perform activities such as:

- obtaining a focused history
- conducting a focused physical examination
- assessing and addressing the patient's issues
- answering specific questions related to the patient
- interpreting x-rays or the results of other investigations
- making a diagnosis
- writing admission orders

This examination includes problems in Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Preventive Medicine and Community Health, Psychiatry and Surgery, as well as in similar disciplines considered essential for competence in general medicine and health care.

## Application to the fall 2016 MCCQE Part II

We are introducing a new application process that will enhance access and fairness while still addressing limited capacity. We will be opening a “pre-application period” where candidates will be able to indicate their interest in applying to the fall 2016 exam by adding their name to a pre-application list through their physiciansapply.ca account.

Following the close of the pre-application period, we will proceed with a random selection of candidates from the pre-application list. The number of selected candidates will be based on available exam capacity, which will be distributed across the different candidate groups. If you are selected, you will receive an invitation to apply to the exam.

### Main pre-application period – approximately April 21, 2016 to May 18, 2016

- Candidates can add their name to the pre-application list at any time with the exception of:
  - Candidates who will be completing 12 months of postgraduate clinical medical training after the date of the exam (October 29, 2016). See Application and eligibility for more information
  - Candidates who have taken or will take the spring 2016 MCCQE Part I or MCCQE Part II (see below)

### Main application period – approximately May 25, 2016 to June 10, 2016

- We will be randomly selecting candidates from the pre-application list and inviting candidates to apply throughout this period

### Pre-application for candidates awaiting spring 2016 results – June 2016

- Pre-application process will be launched following June results

### Examination at a glance

Dates	Fee	Application information	Examination centres*		Results
Fall 2016	\$2,409	<p>The pre-application period is now closed.</p> <p>Spring 2016 exam candidates will have a separate pre-application process following June result releases.</p>	Alta.	Calgary (E), Edmonton (E)	<b>Spring session:</b> Results for the spring session will be available by the end of June.
Oct. 29 and Oct. 30			B.C.	Victoria (E), Vancouver (E)	
			Man.	Winnipeg (E)	
			N.L.	St. John’s (E)	
			N.S.	Halifax (E)	<b>Fall session:</b> Results for the fall session will
			Ont.	Hamilton (E),	

				Kingston (E), London (E), Ottawa (E), Sudbury (E), Toronto (E)	be available by the end of December.
			<b>Que.</b>	Montreal I (E), Montreal II (F), Quebec (F), Sherbrooke (F)	
			<b>Sask.</b>	Saskatoon (E)	

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- For information regarding centre assignment, please visit the Centre selection page
- The MCCQE Part II centres are not bilingual; each centre is designated as either English (E) or French (F)
- Candidates will be scheduled for two short sessions over the two days of the weekend

***Proposed future MCCQE Part II dates***

Session	Exam dates	Expected application opening timeframe
Spring 2017	May 6 and 7	Fall 2016

**Notice for spring 2017 MCCQE Part II – Pre-application**

To receive a notice when pre-application opens for the spring 2017 MCCQE Part II, please submit your email address below. The MCC will send this notification to your email address and not through your physiciansapply.ca account. The MCC cannot guarantee that the email notification will reach your inbox.

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