



February 2021 MCCQE Part II

Dear colleagues,

Further to our message sent on July 28, 2020, we would like to inform you that the February 2021 session of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part II will take place on **Sunday, February 7, 2021**, for all candidates.

We had previously indicated that the exam would take place on February 6 and 7, 2021. However, the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) made the decision to offer the February exam on one day only, for reasons relating to the number of test takers required for upcoming MCCQE Part II sessions to ensure that we are able to deliver a high-quality and psychometrically defensible exam in the face of COVID-19 challenges.

As with all MCCQE Part II sessions, the February 2021 session will have limited capacity. For reasons relating to the ongoing pandemic and because we are committed to the safety of our candidates and everyone involved in our exams, as well as to respecting the guidelines put forward by the Public Health Agency of Canada, each site will be testing a smaller number of candidates during the February exam session.

A number of candidates from the postponed May 2020 session requested to transfer to the February 2021 session, which has impacted on the number of spots that can be offered to new candidates for this session. As a result, many candidates who added their name to the pre-application list will not be invited to apply for the February 2021 session. These candidates will be able to add their names to the pre-application list for the May 2021 or a later session of the MCCQE Part II. The May 2021 pre-application period is expected to open at the end of October 2020. In advance of this, they can click on [Subscribe](#) at the top right of our [MCCQE Part II](#) page to be notified by email when the pre-application period opens.

Important reminders for the February 2021 MCCQE Part II:

- The February 2021 exam will be delivered in a one-day format.
- *Exam changes:* We are committed to the safety of our candidates and everyone involved in our exams. As such, we are respecting the guidelines put forward by the Public Health Agency of Canada, and have made content, format and delivery changes.

- *Changes to reporting of results:* Due to the content, format and delivery changes, we cannot statistically link the total scores to those on the previous exams or those on future exams. For this reason, no total score or subscores will be reported. Candidates will receive a pass or fail designation as the final result. Those with a pass final result will be awarded the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).

Working closely with the MCCQE Part II exam site staff, the MCC is undertaking all activities and measures required to help ensure a smooth exam administration. Due to the current context, the examination date is subject to change. While we will make every effort to deliver the exam on the scheduled date, we may need to cancel or change the date of the exam for reasons outside of our control. To ensure the safety of all exam participants, and due to the evolving pandemic environment, local or national public health or other restrictions, such cancellation or date change could happen at any time, up to and including the day of the exam. In such an event, candidates' application fees will not be impacted. However, the MCC will not be responsible for any costs, fees, penalties or losses that candidates might incur (e.g., relating to travel, childcare or wages) as a result of cancellation or date change that occurs due to matters that are out of the control of the MCC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our [service desk](#).

Sincerely,

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