



Further to last week's communication, confirming our offering of a virtual Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part II beginning May 18, we are pleased to share some additional details that will be helpful to candidates.

The Medical Council of Canada (MCC) will offer the exam over **20 days (to include weekdays and weekends) in May and June.**

We will make every effort to assess as many candidates as possible in May/June. The May/June 2021 session will accommodate approximately 2,200 candidates. Priority will be given to those who were not able to write their exam due to the postponed May and October 2020 sessions and February 2021 session. We are prioritizing those further along in their training, including those who have completed all other requirements for licensure but require a pass result for the MCCQE Part II to be awarded the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).

We will not be accepting new applications for the May/June 2021 session. Only when the delayed candidates have been processed will new registrations be accepted in future sessions.

Exam details

Candidates will complete the exam in a single day from a remote location (such as their home or office) using a secure virtual examination delivery platform provided through a partnership with Education Management Solutions (EMS). Candidates will be able to schedule their exam from the available dates. Candidates will require a stable internet connection in a private space. The number of stations, the types of stations and the lengths of encounters have not changed.

The exam day will begin with a system and security check upon login, including verification of candidate identity with a valid government-issued ID, and an environment check (the candidate will span their webcam around the room). Candidates should also perform a system check prior to login; details will be provided in advance of the exam. There will be a candidate briefing and an opportunity to ask questions before the exam begins. There will be no scheduled breaks apart from an approximately one-hour lunch break (during which candidates may leave and return to the room). Water is allowed throughout the exam. Time is allotted for station retakes in the event of minor technical issues.

The MCCQE Part II will continue to make use of Standardized Participants (SPs) and Physician Examiners (PEs) as in previous in-person sessions. Candidates will describe to the examiner what maneuvers they would perform and what they are looking for, in place of physical examinations. The MCC will be releasing three candidate orientation modules to assist candidate preparation. The topics will be exam overview, sample stations and technical training; these will be released on our website through March and April 2021.

The exam is based on the most recent version of the Blueprint, updated in 2018, and the weights for all domains remain the same from previous exam administrations. Total score and subscores will be reported to candidates. A new score scale will be established for the virtual format of the MCCQE Part II. A new cut score for determining pass/fail status will be established through a standard-setting exercise with a panel of physicians. The virtual administration is considered a valid and complete attempt of the MCCQE Part II. Results will be released for the entire window at the same time, expected to be approximately 15 weeks following the close of the May/June 2021 exam window.

In-person test centres are not available for the May/June MCCQE Part II exam session. All options to deliver future exam sessions are currently under review.

Test accommodations

Candidates who require test accommodations for the virtual MCCQE Part II, to support functional limitations, a disability, or special needs should immediately provide a completed Request for test accommodations form and detailed personal statement to candidateaffairs@mcc.ca. The required supporting documentation outlined on our [Test Accommodations and Special Needs](#) webpage, must be received no later than March 10, 2021. Test accommodations previously granted for a past exam are not automatically applied to future exams.

Examples of test accommodations include additional time, access to personal items such as food, assistive equipment, smart phone compatible insulin equipment, etc. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Next steps

Next week, the MCC will communicate with candidates asking them to confirm their interest in being included in the selection process for the May/June 2021 session. At that time, we will also have more exam details available in the form of FAQs so that candidates may make an informed decision about their participation.

For more information on the MCCQE Part II and our shift to a virtual delivery please visit our [website](#).

