

Questions and Answers about the CETP Exam – March 9, 2020

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Q. What is the date of the first Canadian Entry To Practice (CETP) Exam

A. October 3, 2020

Q. What will be the passing grade needed for the CETP exam?

A. There is no specific passing grade. The passing grade is calculated using statistics.

Q. How long do you think it will take to be provided with the results?

A. The exam developer, SAC, will send you the results. Please contact SAC for details.

Q. I just wanted to know if there will be a study guide available for the CETP Exam. By study guide, I mean not just sample questions but sort of a manual that details what to expect for the exam, how and what to study (considering we go through a lot of material during the 2-year program).

A. Please contact the exam developer, SAC, for information.

Q. Will there be study materials available for the exam?

A. The CETP Exam is based on the national entry-to-practice competencies for audiology and speech-language pathology and the accredited Canadian university programs are also based on these competencies. Reviewing the content of your university courses and clinical practicum experiences will assist you in preparing for the exam.

Q. If by chance an individual does not pass 3 times, would be he or she just need to update their skills and then write again?

A. Please contact the regulator where you wish to practice for more information on this.

Q. What are the exact dates set for the September 2020 and March 2021 sittings of the CETP exam?

A. The first exam has been set for October 3, 2020. Dates for 2021 have not yet been determined.

Q. Has CAASPR been consulting with CCUP regarding the optimal timing of the exams?

A. CAASPR has consulted extensively with CCUP in choosing the 2020 exam date. It is difficult to find a date for the first exam that works well for all students, as different university programs finish at different times of the year. CAASPR and the universities agree that, all things considered, October 3 is the best date for the 2020 exam.

Q. Why couldn't the deadline to register for the CETP exam accommodate students in every program? That way every program would be eligible to write the exam at the same time in the fall instead of disadvantaging certain universities who do not finish by an arbitrary deadline. I understand that it takes a certain amount of time

for preparations from the registration deadline to the exam. I am inquiring about why the registration deadline and following exam do not both occur at a later time when all the students across Canada are eligible to register.

- A. The exam administrator requires nine weeks to prepare for the exam. If the fall 2020 exam is delayed further than October 3, 2020, there is a risk it would be cancelled due to bad weather in some parts of Canada. With a regulatory exam, if weather causes a cancellation in one location, all locations must be cancelled. CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020.
- Q. Based on the CAASPR Core Competencies, there seems to be an emphasis on soft skills, e.g. "facilitating a therapeutic relationship" and "guidance by a code of ethics." Will exam questions be weighted more towards these soft skills, or would it be a better use of our time to study facts, terms, concepts, principles, etc.?**
- A. Please refer to the CEPT Exam Blueprints on CAASPR's website at <http://caaspr.ca/resources/> to find information about the content of the exam and the weighting of different competencies.

Questions concerning Ontario:

- Q. For Ontario, if the provincial government does not approve the CETP exam by fall 2020, will new graduates be able to register with CASLPO, or will we simply have to wait?**
- A. Please contact CASLPO for this information.
- Q. For Ontario, as I understand it, if the provincial government does approve the CETP exam by the end of next summer, students graduating in Aug 2020 will not be able to write the fall 2020 exam (as the exam administrator needs 2 months sign up prior to the exam).**
- CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020.
- Q. Does this mean that ON students graduating in Aug 2020 will not be able to practice until after they write the spring 2021 exam?**
- A. CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020.
- Q. Since there is no date set for the exam in Ontario yet, if I were to graduate and become registered with the regulatory body prior to the exam, would I be able to avoid writing the exam? I know this has been asked in various ways, but it's still a bit confusing! For example, if the exam date were set to spring 2021 and I finish the program August 2020, if I were to get a job, and complete my 6-month mentorship before spring 2021, could I avoid writing it, or do I still have to write it**

because the date was already set/it was already implemented in other provinces across Canada in September 2020?

A. Please contact CASLPO for this information.

Q. What is involved in the registration process, when registration will occur, and what will happen if Ontario students still don't know if they have to write yet? Should I register for the September 2020 sitting for the CETP even if Ontario hasn't passed legislation yet in case they do before I am registered with the college, but after the registration date? If I don't register and they pass legislation in July or August would I be required to wait until the next sitting even if my registration is under way? Or if we do not know about legislation by the registration date for the September 2020 sitting would we be exempt from writing the CETP?

A. Please contact CASLPO for this information.

Questions related to moving to a different province/country:

Q. If we apply for a license in ON and become registered, then move to BC after practicing for a year, do we then have to write the CETP exam to obtain a license in BC?

A. Anyone who has a license without restrictions in a regulated province may move to another regulated province as a labour mobility applicant and does not have to write the exam. Please contact CASLPO and CSHBC for more information.

Q. If we move from a province where CETP is not required to a province where it is required will we have to write the exam?

A. Yes, unless you have a licence to practice without conditions from a regulated jurisdiction before moving. Please contact the regulator(s) in the province(s) where you wish to practice for more information.

Q. On a similar theme, I plan the work in PEI, which is not a regulated province. If I do *not* write the CETP exam, work in PEI for a year, and then decide to move back to British Columbia, will I then be required to write the CETP exam upon moving provinces? Or will my PEI license and year of work experience be recognized in place of the CETP exam?

A. If you do not have a licence without restrictions with a regulated province, you will be required to write the exam to register in BC. Your membership with PEISHA is not a regulated license because PEI is not a regulated province. Please check with PEI and BC for further information.

Q. If SLPs will not be required to retrospectively write the exam once they are regulated, does this mean that an SLP could, theoretically, move to AB, not write the exam, be regulated by ACSLPA, and therefore bypass the exam altogether, even if they move back to BC at a later date?

A. Please contact ACSLPA and CSHBC for this information.

Q. If someone wants to begin their career in the US, would it not make more sense to write and pass the Praxis exam, which is cheaper (\$120), has an available study guide, and has confirmed exam dates, and then later work in Canada under the Mutual Agreement? Would the Praxis be recognized by Canada?

A. Canadian regulatory bodies do not have agreements with regulatory organizations in other countries. The US Praxis exam is not recognized for registration in Canada.

Q. What countries will we be able to practice in with the CETP exam? Are the MRA agreements still recognized internationally? How early can we move to another country?

A. The MRA agreements were for SAC certification, not regulation. Canadian regulatory bodies do not have agreements with regulatory organizations in other countries.

Other Questions:

Q. Would you pass your provisional license if you failed the exam?

A. Please contact the regulator in the province where you plan to practice for details.

Q. How little notice can we be legally given in AB and ON that we will need to write CETP?

A. Please contact ACSLPA or CASLPO for details.

Q. For the CETP exam, is it true that students graduating in August 2020, would not be writing the exam till next spring if it was mandatory?

A. CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020.

Q. Why is the exam being required in April 2020 but only being offered in September? In provinces that do will not have provisional licensure in place in April 2020 (e.g., SK and possibly Ontario and/or Alberta), given that our students graduate in the spring, this makes them effectively unemployable after graduation.

A. CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020. Please contact the regulator in the province where the student plans to practice for more information.

Q. What is required in order to enroll for the CETP exam (i.e. what documentation must be submitted, and what must be completed)? We understand that the enrollment deadline is 2-2.5 months before the exam date in September 2020. However, UBC SLP students finish their coursework in April 2020, and practicums do not end until the end of June (or first week of July in some cases). Will we be able to write the September 2020 exam?

A. You will be able to write the first exam which will be on October 3, 2020. Please contact CSHBC for information on documentation to submit.

Q. For the provinces that *might* require the CETP exam (Ontario & Alberta), will those that plan to work there be required to backtrack and write the exam in a few years?

A. Please contact CASLPO and ACSLPA for this information.

Q. Will there be a change in how we acquire our advanced competencies? Will we need to wait to be registered with SAC before we begin these?

A. Registration/licensure in Canada does not require SAC advanced competencies. Please contact SAC for information on their advanced competencies for their certification program.

Q. Will we still have to go through the yearlong clinical fellowship in the states after the one-year provisional period for SAC?

A. SAC is a professional association, not a regulatory body. Any agreement that SAC has with organizations in other countries does not involve registration/licensure in Canada. Canadian regulatory bodies have no agreements with regulatory organizations in other countries.

Q. The provisional period requires us to be a member of SAC and work for 1 year. Will there be a requirement to complete X number of hours within the year? What if we were part time or employed casually?

A. Some provincial regulators have provisional or temporary licences that allow applicants to work before writing the CETP Exam. This has nothing to do with SAC requirements because SAC is a professional association, not a regulatory body. Please check with the regulator in the province where you wish to practice for more information.

Q. What is the rationale for the 1-year provisional period to be SAC certified? If it is a requirement for us to complete our CCCs, how has this changed from previously where students can be SAC certified shortly after writing the exam?

A. The SAC exam was a certification exam required for registration in BC and NL only. The CETP Exam replaces the certification exam as a registration requirement in BC and NL and will be required in NB, MB and SK as well, after April 1, 2020. Current regulations in QC, ON and AB do not permit requiring the exam but that may change in the future for ON and AB, Canadian regulatory bodies have no agreements with regulatory organizations in other countries so your registration in Canada has no connection with the CCC program in the US. Please contact SAC for more information about their certification program.

Q. For the students who will have to write the exam a year after completing their Master's degree, will this be the case for all subsequent years and graduates? In other words, will the schools who do not finish in time for the registration deadline always have to have their graduates write the exam a year later?

A. No, CAASPR is developing a process to ensure that students finishing university program requirements by August 15, 2020 will be able to write the exam on October 3, 2020. In future years, there will be two exams, in the spring and fall.

- Q. When can I expect the pre-arrival resource for internationally educated applicants to be made available on the CAASPR site-especially when the first exam is in September 2020?**
- A. April 1, 2020
- Q. Is it possible to apply to write CAASPR's CETP exam before I apply to register with BC as a province and if so, how would I go about this?**
- A. No. Please contact CSHBC for information on how to apply for registration.