

**REGISTRATION/LICENSURE IN CANADA
and the
CANADIAN ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE (CETP) EXAM – AUD/S-LP**

Questions related to exam date 2020

- Q. When is the first sitting of the CETP Exam in 2020?**
A. The first sitting of the CETP Exam will be on Saturday, September 26th, 2020
- Q. When can exam candidates enroll for the September 2020 CETP exam?**
A. The enrollment period for the CETP exam will be between May 1 and July 24, 2020.

Questions related to registration/licensure requirements

- Q. Do applicants need to declare where they wish to practice before writing the CETP Exam?**
A. When submitting an application for registration/licensure, applicants must declare in which jurisdiction they intend to practice. The CETP Exam is required at a later step in the application process for registration.
- Q. Do I need to pass the CETP Exam to qualify for a licence to practice in all Canadian jurisdictions?**
A. Each province in Canada has registration requirements specific to their jurisdiction. While the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology are regulated in most provinces, these professions are not currently regulated in Prince Edward Island or the Territories of Canada. While the profession is currently not regulated in Nova Scotia, it is anticipated that regulations will be enacted by the end of 2019.

The following outlines which jurisdictions will require the CETP Exam as one of the requirements to qualify for registration/licensure:

Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia.

Effective April 1, 2020 anyone applying for a licence to practice in these provinces must write the CETP Exam. Nova Scotia, where the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology will become regulated in November 2019, is expected to join these provinces in requiring the exam in 2020 but this is still to be confirmed when the Nova Scotia College is established.

Alberta, Ontario

At this time, the CETP Exam is not a registration requirement in the provinces of Alberta and Ontario. It is anticipated that the Regulations in these provinces will be approved by their respective governments in the near future. For further information on the

registration requirements in Ontario, please contact the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO). For further information on the registration requirements in Alberta, please contact the Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (ACSLPA).

Québec

The CETP Exam is not required for registration in the Province of Quebec, except for some internationally-educated applicants or audiologists and speech-language pathologists who return to practice after a substantial break. Those planning to practice in Quebec, are advised to contact *L'Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec* (OOAQ) for more information.

Prince Edward Island and the Territories

The professions of audiology and speech-language pathology are not regulated in these jurisdictions. Individuals will have to write the CETP Exam if they intend to apply for registration in a regulated jurisdiction.

Q. As the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology are not regulated in PEI and the Territories, should one write the CETP Exam in case they plan to move to a regulated province in the future?

A. Individuals from non-regulated jurisdictions (PEI, the Territories) who plan to work in a regulated jurisdiction in the future may wish to write the exam and have the option of applying to a regulated jurisdiction. To write the exam, these individuals will submit an application via the CAASPR website (available in early 2020). It is important to note that successful exam results are only valid for three years. Therefore, an application to a regulated jurisdiction under labour mobility must be completed within three years of passing the CETP Exam.

Q. As there are only two exam sittings per year, will individuals who meet all other criteria for registration and have an offer for employment be able to apply for a provisional or temporary licence to practice?

A. A provisional or temporary licence to practice is available in most jurisdictions but details vary across jurisdictions. For more information, applicants should consult the regulatory body in the jurisdiction where they plan to work.

Q. What happens if you fail the CETP Exam?

A. An Exam candidate will have up to three attempts within a two-year eligibility period to successfully complete the exam. After three unsuccessful attempts, the provincial regulator will consider the impact of exam failure on the candidate's application for registration. Exam applicants are strongly advised to review the rules and registration requirements of the jurisdiction where they intend to practice.

Q. Since there are only two exam sittings per year, can students write the CETP Exam before completing their Master's program?

A. All regulated jurisdictions require completion of coursework and clinical hours before applying for registration. Applicants may apply prior to degree conferral provided that

official notification from their educational institution is received stating that the student has met all the necessary requirements for graduation. The CETP Exam is required at a later stage in the registration process.

- Q. Once an exam candidate passes the CETP Exam, how long will their results remain valid for the purpose of registration with a regulatory body?**
- A.** CETP Exam results will be recognized by any Canadian regulatory body for a period of three years from successfully passing the CETP Exam.

Questions related to exam eligibility

- Q. Who is eligible to write the CETP Exam?**
- A.** Those who wish to practice in regulated jurisdictions in Canada will apply for licensure through CAASPR or a provincial regulatory body, depending on where they plan to work. The regulatory bodies will advise the applicants of their eligibility status.
- Q. As the assessment process for applicants from non-regulated jurisdictions, for graduates from non-accredited programs and for international-educated applicants may be longer than for other applicants, can these applicants enroll for the CETP Exam before their eligibility is confirmed by CAASPR or a provincial regulatory body?**
- A.** No. Applicants will not be able to enroll for the CETP Exam until CAASPR or a provincial regulatory body advises them to do so.
- Q. After an applicant has applied for registration and has been assessed as eligible to write the CETP Exam by CAASPR or a regulatory body, how long is this eligibility valid?**
- A.** Once an applicant is declared eligible to write the CETP Exam, they will be permitted up to three attempts or two years to achieve a passing score on the exam.

Questions related to the CETP Exam

- Q. What is the Canadian Entry-To-Practice Exam for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (CETP Exam – AUD/S-LP)?**
- A.** The CETP Exam is the CAASPR entry-to-practice exam and is a crucial step towards being registered as a regulated SLP or AUD in Canada. Successful completion of the CETP Exam will be required to practice in the provinces of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia (and possibly Nova Scotia), effective April 1, 2020.
- Q. How is the CETP Exam different from the current SAC exam?**
- A.** The CETP Exam will be a compulsory requirement for applicants who apply for registration / licensure in most regulated jurisdictions as of April 1, 2020. The CETP Exam is based on the CAASPR National Competency Profiles for the professions and will

test the required knowledge, skills and behaviours required for entry-to-practice in audiology and speech-language pathology.

The current SAC Clinical Certification Exam is a voluntary professional exam for speech-language pathologists and audiologists who wish to obtain the SAC Clinical Certification professional designation. The last SAC Clinical Certification Exam will be on March 7, 2020. For information on SAC Certification please visit: saccertification.ca

Q. Are professionals who already have a valid licence to practice required to write the CETP Exam?

- A.** Audiologists and speech-language pathologists **who are currently registered** with a regulatory body and have a valid licence to practice **are not required** to write the Exam. In certain circumstances relating to an individual where there are concerns about their level of competence a regulatory body could request such an individual pass the Exam.

Q. Will candidates be able to write the CETP Exam in the city of their choice?

- A.** There is at least one designated site to write the Exam in each province. The following locations are the pre-approved designated exam sites:

British Columbia

- Vancouver

Alberta

- Calgary
- Edmonton

Saskatchewan

- Regina or Saskatoon

Manitoba

- Winnipeg

Ontario

- London
- Ottawa
- Toronto

Quebec

- Montreal
- Quebec City

New Brunswick

- Moncton

Nova Scotia

- Halifax

Prince Edward Island

- Charlottetown

Newfoundland and Labrador

- St. John's

Northwest Territories

- Yellowknife

Yukon

- Whitehorse

Q. Can an exam candidate request to write the CETP Exam in a city that is closer to their home?

A. Exam candidates may request to write the Exam in a non-designated site at the time of exam enrollment. Approval will be based on the availability of an exam site and an invigilator. An additional fee of \$400 applies.

Q. What can I do to prepare to write the CETP Exam?

A. The content of the CETP Exam is based on the CAASPR National Competency Profile and the Exam Blueprint for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. The curriculum in each Canadian Master's program is consistent with the National Competency Profile and the Exam Blueprint. Exam candidates can prepare to write the Exam by reviewing the National Competency Profile and the Exam Blueprint that are available on the CAASPR web site www.caaspr.ca, under Resources.

Q. Once an applicant has received confirmation of their eligibility to write the CETP Exam from CAASPR or a regulatory body, when can the exam candidate enroll for the exam?

A. There will be two exam sittings per year, one in the fall, and one in the spring. Enrollment will open 10 to 12 weeks prior to each exam.

Questions related to internationally-educated audiologists and speech-language pathologists

Q. Will all internationally-educated applicants be required to write the CETP Exam?

A. Yes, applicants to regulated jurisdictions (except Quebec) who have graduated from any Master's program other than the Canadian accredited programs will be required to write the CETP Exam as part of the application for registration process. Government approval is pending in Ontario and Alberta with regards to exam requirements. It is recommended that all internationally-educated applicants discuss their particular situation with the regulatory body in the jurisdiction where they plan to practice.

Q. Will the SAC Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) be linked to the new CETP Exam?

A. No. The MRA was negotiated by Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) and is not recognized by regulatory bodies for the purposes of registration or licence to practice.

Questions related to the costs associated with the CETP Exam

Q. What is the cost of the CETP Exam?

A. The exam fee is \$1,135 (includes tax) for the fall 2020 exam sitting. An additional fee of \$400 will be required for exam candidates writing in a non-designated site.

- Q. The cost of writing the entry-to-practice exam has been set at \$1,135 (includes tax). What costs are involved in administering the Exam?**
- A.** The fee for the CETP Exam was set by taking into account all the costs related to the development and delivery of two unique exams for each profession in both official languages, including: costs related to staffing, psychometricians, exam committees, exam translation, exam printing and mailing, invigilators, and exam site costs. The CETP Exam fee is comparable to the fee set by other professional organizations for an entry-to-practice exam.

Table of exam costs for various professions

PROFESSION	COST OF EXAM	APPLICABLE TAXES* (ON example below)	TOTAL COST WITH TAXES	COMMENTS
Occupational therapists	\$555	\$72.15	\$627.15	
Physiotherapists	\$1,002	\$130.26	\$1132.26	The written exam is a qualifying component – the cost of the clinical component is \$1,813
Medical Laboratory Technologists	Fee for CSMLS members* \$875 <i>before early deadline</i> \$1,155 <i>after early deadline</i> <i>*membership fee \$167</i>	\$113.75 \$150.15	\$988.75 \$1,305.15	Fee for non-members \$1,035 + taxes – before early deadline \$1,370 + taxes – after early deadline
Respiratory therapists	\$898	\$116.74	\$1,014.74	
Medical radiation technologists	\$840	\$109.20	\$949.20	Includes radiological technologists, nuclear medicine technologists, radiation therapists, MRI technologists,
CETP Exam for Audiologists & Speech-Language Pathologists	\$1,135	No tax	\$1135	As SAC has Charitable Status - No taxes apply Tax deductible as a tuition expense.

- Q. What are the various fees related to application for registration in the regulated jurisdictions of Canada that are associated with the CETP Exam?**
- A.** The following fees will apply but amounts have not yet been finalized
1. Administration fee

2. Application/assessment fee to determine if an applicant meets CAASPR's national standards for coursework, clinical hours and language proficiency. Applicants are advised to contact the regulatory body in the jurisdiction where they plan to work for more information on application fees.
3. The CETP Exam enrollment fee is \$1,135 in 2020 (no tax applicable)
4. An additional Exam fee of \$400 is required if the exam candidate requests to write the CETP Exam at a non-designated exam-sitting site in Canada.