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**Established:** July 1998

**Revised:** July 2001, January 2002, March 2003, May 2003, November 2007

**Most recent revision:** May 2009

**Applicable Category of Registration:** General Practising Certificate

**Type of Requirement:** Exemptible

**Applicable Regulation:** 36(3)

1. The applicant must have successfully completed an examination set or approved by the College that assesses entry-level competence.

**Principles(s):**

Successful completion of a College-approved examination is one of the key indicators that applicants to the College have demonstrated adequate entry-level knowledge to meet entry to practise requirements.

**Decision Criteria**

1. The Registration Committee has determined that, absent exceptional circumstances, applicants who have graduated from Canadian occupational therapy programs after 1993, and those who established their practice in Canada after 1993, will be required to successfully complete an examination.
2. The Registration Committee has determined that applicants who graduated from a Canadian occupational therapy program prior to 1994 and those internationally educated therapists who established their practice in Canada prior to 1994 may in appropriate circumstances be exempted from the examination requirement.
3. The only currently approved examination is the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists National Examination.
4. Applicants who are applying for registration under the auspices of the Agreement on Internal Trade, Chapter 7 (moving to Ontario and currently registered as an OT in another Canadian jurisdiction) may not be required to demonstrate successful completion of an entry to practise examination, if that was not required in the previous certifying jurisdiction.

An applicant may meet the requirement by:

1. Successfully passing the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists National Examination (CAOT).

**Possible Outcomes**

1. An applicant who can provide satisfactory evidence of having passed the required examination will be deemed to have met this requirement.



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2. An applicant who cannot provide satisfactory evidence of having passed the required examination will be deemed to have not met this requirement. Exemptions for such an important, comprehensive, objective demonstration of entry-to-practise competencies will be rare and will generally require the demonstration of alternative comprehensive and objective evidence of entry-to-practise competencies. Exemptions may be granted with Terms, Conditions and / or Limitations.