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**Established:** July 1998

**Revised:** July 2001, January 2002, March 2003, May 2003, November 2007, May 2009, October 2011, March 2014, September 2016

**Most recent revision:** November 2017

**Applicable Category of Registration:**

1. General Practising Certificate

**Type of Requirement:** Exemptible

**Applicable Regulation:** From Ontario Regulation 226/96: General, under the *Occupational Therapy Act, 1991*:

- 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 currently approved examination is the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination (NOTCE).
4. Applicants who are applying for registration under the auspices of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, 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.



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#### **An applicant may meet the requirement by:**

5. Successfully passing the National Occupational Therapy Certification Examination, administered by CAOT, and:
  - a) For applicants who successfully passed the examination prior to July 9, 2016, the results may be provided by the applicant to the College. In some cases, the College may require the applicant contact CAOT and request a copy of their examination results be sent directly to the College.
  - b) For applicants who completed the examination on or after July 9, 2016, the College must receive the results directly from CAOT.

#### **Possible Outcomes:**

6. An applicant will be deemed to have met the examination requirement when the College receives evidence in the manner described in paragraph 5a) or b), as applicable, that the applicant has successfully passed the examination.
7. An applicant will be deemed to have not met the examination requirement when the College receives evidence in the manner described in paragraph 5a) or b), as applicable, that the applicant has not successfully passed the examination. 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 or Limitations, and / or additional training activities as specified by the Registration Committee.

#### **Examination Eligibility**

8. The College will determine the eligibility of each candidate to write the examination.
  - a) Candidates who have successfully completed an approved occupational therapy program at a Canadian university within the two years prior to the date of the exam will be deemed eligible to write the examination upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the university, that the candidate:
    - i. has convocated; or
    - ii. has successfully completed all requirements of the occupational therapy program and is recommended for convocation.
  - b) Candidates who have successfully completed an approved occupational therapy program at a Canadian university more than two years before the date of the exam will be deemed eligible to write the examination upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the College, that the candidate is eligible to write the examination.



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- c) Candidates who have successfully completed an occupational therapy program that has not been approved by the Registration Committee, but have met the College's education requirement, will be deemed eligible to write the examination as part of their application to the College upon CAOT receiving confirmation in writing, directly from the College, that the candidate is eligible to write the examination.