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**Date:** March 6, 2025  
**To:** Directors of Education, Superintendents with responsibility for Human Resources  
**From:** Stefanie Muhling, OCT, Director of Membership Services  
**Subject:** Certification Requirement: Mathematics Proficiency Test

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**PLEASE NOTE: Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs) with a Transitional Certificate or a Multi-session Transitional Certificate, and College applicants for certification are required to pass the Math Proficiency Test (MPT) to be eligible for a general Certificate of Qualification and Registration. Registration is now open and test windows are limited. The current testing window closes on March 15, 2025. The information below is provided to help individuals avoid any potential delays in the certification process.**

This memo is intended to share information about the MPT certification requirement and to whom it applies.

### OCTs who hold a Transitional Certificate (TCQR) or Multi-Session Transitional Certificate (MTCQR)

OCTs who hold a TCQR or MTCQR are required to successfully pass the MPT to be eligible to convert to a general CQR. If their transitional certificate is not converted prior to its expiration, the individual will need to re-apply to the College, pay all applicable fees and satisfy all current certification requirements, including successful completion of the MPT.

We ask you to encourage all employees with a TCQR or MTCQR to complete the MPT and convert their transitional certificate to a general CQR as soon as they are eligible. This will help them avoid potential delays, as well as situations that put them at risk of becoming ineligible to teach because their certificate has expired. If a certificate expires, an OCT will not be eligible to teach in Ontario's publicly funded school system until they become recertified and restore their College membership to good standing by successfully passing the MPT and paying all applicable fees.

### Applicants for a general CQR

All applicants who submit a complete application to the College for a general CQR on or after February 1, 2025, must successfully pass the MPT. This applies whether or not the applicant began their application prior to February 1, 2025.

An application is only considered complete when the

- all required documentation, including proof of completion of an initial teacher education program, to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

Applicants who have submitted a complete application and were certified prior to February 1, 2025, will not be required to write the MPT.

Ontario applicants who are enrolled in, or have completed, a Teacher of a Native Language program are exempt from the MPT requirement.

### **Internationally Educated Teacher (IET) Applicants**

Internationally Educated Teachers (IETs) are individuals who are certified by a teacher regulatory authority outside of Canada.

IET applicants who complete an application to the College for a general CQR on or after February 1, 2025, must successfully pass the MPT within two years of being granted their initial certification by the College or their certificate will expire. This applies whether or not the application was started before February 1, 2025.

### **Applicants certified in another Canadian province or territory**

Applicants who hold a teaching certificate from a Canadian province or territory outside of Ontario are not required to write the MPT.

### **No Equivalencies**

There are no equivalencies to the MPT.

### **Further Information**

The MPT is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and successful results will be sent directly to the College.

Applicants and OCTs do not have to pay for the MPT, and they may attempt the MPT as many times as needed to pass. The College will not receive information about how many attempts an individual required or their test scores.

Applicants and OCTs can register for the MPT at [mathproficiencytest.ca](https://mathproficiencytest.ca). The current testing window, which closes on March 15, 2025, presents a good opportunity to successfully pass the

MPT to avoid potential certification delays. This is especially pertinent for individuals who are seeking employment for the upcoming school year and have met all other certification requirements.

The College's [website](#) and [FAQs](#) provide further information about the MPT as a certification requirement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any further questions, you can contact me at [smuhling@oct.ca](mailto:smuhling@oct.ca) or by phone at (437) 880.3000, or toll- free in Canada and the U.S.A. at 1.833.966.5588.

Sincerely,

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