



Memo

Date: January 14, 2025
To: Directors of Education, Superintendents, Human Resources
From: Linda Lacroix, OCT/EAO Registrar and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Upcoming deadline: Mathematics Proficiency Test certification requirement

PLEASE NOTE: Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs) with a Transitional Certificate or a Multi-session Transitional Certificate, and College applicants for certification may be required to pass the Math Proficiency Test (MPT).

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

Please note that OCTs who currently hold a general Certificate of Qualification and Registration (CQR) are not required to write the MPT.

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

OCTs who hold a TCQR or MTCQR and **convert** it to a general CQR **before February 1, 2025**, are not required to complete the MPT.

OCTs who **do not convert** their certificate to a general CQR **before February 1, 2025**, will be required to successfully pass the MPT before they can convert. If their 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 convert 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 College receives:

- 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 are 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 receive no information about how many attempts an individual required, nor will we receive any scores they achieved.

Applicants and OCTs can register for the MPT at mathproficiencytest.ca. Registration for the second test window opened on January 8. The test window will be open from February 3, 2025, to March 15, 2025.

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 Stefanie Muhling, OCT, Director of Membership Services by email at 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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