

Frequently Asked Questions about the 2020 Certification Examinations

When will MCQ examinations start?

MCQ exams began in July 2020. Additional MCQ exam dates have been added for 2020 in August, October and November, in addition to the dates previously scheduled in September and December 2020.

What infection prevention protocols will be in place for the MCQ examinations?

The MCQ is being administered at Prometric test centres in Ontario. Detailed information about the infection prevention protocols being put in place by Prometric is [available on their website](#).

When will OSCE examinations start?

OSCE examinations are expected to begin in January 2021. There is a great deal of work that must be completed before the OSCE can be administered, including:

- Confirming exam team staffing needs and recruiting new team members
- Preparing for training of 90-member exam team
 - Creating a new online training component
 - Updating delivery of training to incorporate new infection prevention protocols
- Providing exam team training
- Conducting an analysis of OSCE case scenario performance and set preliminary cut scores
- Updating OSCEs to incorporate appropriate infection prevention protocols
- Developing additional OSCE case scenarios that are needed to manage the double cohort of candidates (those who couldn't take the exam in 2020 and those who would normally have taken it in 2021) and additional exam dates
- Translating exam content



What infection prevention protocols will be in place for the OSCE?

CMTO staff are working on a comprehensive update of infection prevention protocols for the OSCE examinations. Detailed information will be posted to the [CMTO website](#) as soon as it is available.

Will graduates from early 2020 be given priority for booking their OSCE?

Graduates who had an OSCE scheduled in 2020 that was cancelled will be given advance notice when OSCE registration opens for 2021. Registration will then be opened to all graduates.

I am approaching my three years after graduation deadline; would I be authorized to write the exam even if my deadline has passed? Will I have an extension to the deadline due the delay caused by COVID -19?

If the delay in offering the MCQ and/or the OSCE in 2020 has had an impact on your ability to complete the examinations within three years of your graduation, please contact CMTO's Certification Services department at certificationservices@cmta.com.