College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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Failure of an Entry to Practice Examination

Purpose:
To state the requirements for remaining on the Examination Candidate Register after an unsuccessful attempt at the approved entry-to-practice examination – the Canadian Physiotherapy Examination (CPTE).

Policy:
The Exam Candidate license to practice expires 30 days after the third-party examination vendor (CAPR) releases the results of the CPTE. If unsuccessful, in order to remain on the Examination Candidate Register, the individual must register and provide verification to the College, confirming registration for the next available CPTE. All documentation must be received by the College within 30 days after the results are received.

An Examination Candidate has up to 2 years (and three attempts) from the date of registration to successfully pass the approved entry-to-practice examination.

Procedure:
First and Second Time Failure:
Council has determined that if an Examination Candidate has failed the CPTE, the Examination Candidate must:

1. Register for the next available sitting of the CPTE. The Examination Candidate will provide verification from the third-party examination vendor (CAPR) confirming they are registered within 30 days of the results being received.
2. Continue to practice under the **direct supervision** of a fully licensed physiotherapist who meets all supervisor requirements and work with the supervisor to address any areas requiring remediation identified by the CPTE results. Any conditions on the exam candidate license will stay in effect.
3. Ensure regular reports, in the format requested by the Board of Assessors (BOA), will be completed and submitted by the supervising physiotherapist to the BOA every 3 months.
4. If they receive the result indicating a second failure, register for the next available CPTE if applicable. The Examination Candidate will provide verification from the third-party examination vendor (CAPR) confirming they are registered for the third attempt. The Examination Candidate must also continue to practice under **direct supervision** and submit regular reports as outlined in points 2 and 3 above.

Removal from the Examination Candidate Register:

An Exam Candidate's name will be removed from the register, and will no longer be allowed to practice physiotherapy in Manitoba, for any of the following:

1. Three failed examination attempts
2. The Exam Candidate has reached the two-year time limit on the register regardless of the number of attempts the examination
3. They are not registered for the next available exam after the first or second failure.

In any of the above circumstances, the Examination Candidate and their employer will be advised that they will be removed from the Examination Candidate membership class at midnight the following day.