College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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Registration on the Examination Candidate Register

Purpose:
To outline the steps required to register and remain on the Examination Candidate Register in Manitoba.

Policy:
To practice as an Examination Candidate in Manitoba and use the title, an individual must be registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba (CPM).

Individuals on the Examination Candidate register:

- Must work under the supervision of a fully licensed physiotherapist
- Must not practice Acupuncture or Dry Needling, pelvic floor internal exam or treatment, and cervical spinal manipulations while on this register. For the purpose of this condition, the term "practice" would include any practical/lab sessions in coursework in addition to clinical practice.
- Must not supervise other registrants.

Registration on or before December 31, 2025:
Individuals who were registered with CPM on the Examination Candidate register prior to January 1, 2026, and had initiated an approved clinical evaluation, may remain on the Examination Candidate register for a maximum of 2 years or until successful completion of the clinical evaluation, whichever comes first. Continued active participation in the clinical evaluation program is required to remain on the Examination Candidate Register during this time period. The candidate will be removed from the Examination Candidate register after three failed Clinical Evaluation attempts or 2 years from the date of registration, whichever comes first. Candidates that have not successfully completed an approved clinical evaluation within this time frame will be required to convert to the single exam process that was approved by Council for new applicants as of January 1, 2026.

Failure to maintain active participation in the clinical evaluation program through employment under supervision will lead to removal from the Examination Candidate register. Once removed from the register due to inactivity, applicants would be held to the requirements of the current Regulations at the time of re-registration.

For the management of unsuccessful attempts of an approved clinical evaluation in the two-exam pathway, please refer to Registration and Licensing Direction *Failure of an Entry-to-Practice Clinical Evaluation*.

The Examination Candidate's license will expire 30 days after notification of successful completion of the approved clinical evaluation.

The process for Re-Entry Candidates is outlined in Registration and Licensing Direction *Re-Entry to Practice*.

Procedure for Registration:
Effective January 1, 2026:

All new applicants for the Examination Candidate Register following the single exam pathway must register on the Examination Candidate Register using the procedure outlined below if they wish to work under supervision in Manitoba prior to taking the next available date of the third-party vendor's national examination, the Canadian Physiotherapy Examination (CPTE), or awaiting the results of the examination.

For the purpose of this policy, the next available date of the entry-to-practice examination will be the examination date that at the time of registration is the next available sitting of the CPTE in that calendar year. An Examination Candidate cannot register and start employment under supervision until the date of the examination they are registered for is clarified to be the next available examination offering as confirmed by the third-party vendor.

Procedure:
The applicant will be eligible to register with CPM on the Examination Candidate Register using the single exam pathway once the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant must have confirmation of being registered for the next available scheduled writing or confirmation of completion of the third-party vendor's national examination, the Canadian Physiotherapy Examination (CPTE).
2. As a recent graduate, notification from the University in writing that the current physiotherapy program is complete and that the student will be eligible for the next convocation date (if applicable). A recent graduate is defined as an individual who, within the last 12 months, has successfully passed all academic and clinical course requirements to become eligible to take the exam.
3. As an international candidate, confirmation of practicing for a minimum of 1200 hours in the immediately preceding five-year period in a format approved by the BOA (Regulation 6(1)(c).
4. Confirmation of employment on Company letterhead, including a start date no later than 3 months after application for the Examination Candidate register.
5. A completed Supervision Agreement and Supervision Plan that includes the name of the registered physiotherapist who has agreed to serve as the applicant's supervisor.

6. Evidence of professional liability insurance coverage at the minimum amount required.
7. A completed Registration form for the Examination Candidate Register.
8. A current criminal record check with vulnerable sector search. CPM will only accept a criminal record check that is less than 6 months old.
9. Payment of all applicable fees.
10. Membership in Good Standing Form (Regulatory History Form) from the last two jurisdictions in Canada or elsewhere in which they are or have been registered or licensed to practise physiotherapy (if applicable).

**To stay on the Examination Candidate register, the examination candidate must remain scheduled to write the examination. Cancellation or changes to the reported examination date will result in removal from the Examination Candidate register.

For management of unsuccessful attempts of the CPTE, please refer to the Registration and Licensing Direction *Failure of an Entry to Practice Examination*.

The Examination Candidate's license will expire 30 days after notification of successful completion of the entry to practice evaluation.

Transferring to the Active Practice Register

Once the Examination Candidate successfully passes an approved Clinical Evaluation **OR** the CPTE, they must transfer their registration to the Active Register within 30 days of receipt of this notification. The Examination Candidate will be eligible to practice on the Active register once the College receives:

a) Application form for Active Practice
b) Copy of their University degree (if applicable)
c) Any fees required for the Active Practice License
d) Proof of completion of any activities as required by the Board of Assessors.

Once all the required documentation is received, the Registrar will place the individual's name on the Active Practice Register. The individual will then be entitled to practice independently.