College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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Failure of an Entry to Practice Clinical Evaluation

Purpose:
To state the requirements for remaining on the Examination Candidate Register after an unsuccessful attempt at a Clinical Evaluation.

This policy is **only applicable** to applicants who have met all eligibility and application requirements in the Physiotherapy Regulations 6(1) and 6(2) and have successfully registered as an Examination Candidate with CPM using the two-exam pathway and intend to take the PBCA on or before the program is discontinued on December 31, 2027.

This policy does not pertain to applicants who are attempting the new national examination, the Canadian Physiotherapy Examination (CPTE), through the approved third-party vendor.

Policy:
For Examination Candidates registered on or before December 31, 2025, using the two-exam pathway:

Registration on the Examination Candidate Register in the two-exam pathway as outlined in Regulations 6(3)(b) may not exceed two years or three failed Clinical Evaluation attempts, whichever comes first.

A Clinical Evaluation attempt is any combination of Manitoba's PBCA, the Physiotherapy Competency Examination Clinical Component administered by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, or any other Canadian physiotherapy regulator's clinical competency evaluation for full licensure.

Procedure:
First and Second Time Failure:
If an Examination Candidate has failed a clinical evaluation, the Examination Candidate must:

1. Continue to practice under the supervision of a fully licensed physiotherapist, and any conditions on the Exam Candidate license will stay in effect, **and**
2. 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 400 practice

hours or at the time of reapplication for the clinical evaluation if less than 400 practice hours accrued from initial failure, **and**

3. Pay for the subsequent attempt of the PBCA within the timeline specified in the letter from the Board of Assessors following an unsuccessful attempt. The Examination Candidate will then apply for the Practice Based Competency Assessment Program once any recommendations/remediation have been satisfied or within 6 months of receiving communication from the Board of Assessors of the unsuccessful attempt, whichever comes first, **OR**
4. Register for the next available approved entry to practice examination approved by Council, the Canadian Physiotherapy Examination. The Examination Candidate will provide proof of registration for the CPTE from CAPR within the timeline indicated in the letter from the Board of Assessors.

Removal from the Examination Candidate Register Using the Two-Exam Pathway:

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 Clinical Evaluations
2. The Exam Candidate has reached the two-year time limit on the register regardless of the number of attempts at a Clinical Evaluation

Application to Renew an Examination Candidate License to Council

The ability to apply for renewal of the Examination Candidate license after the two-year time limit has expired is outlined in the Physiotherapy Regulations 6(5). Please refer to the RLD *Review by Council* for details.