

Overview

Applicants for registration with the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) must meet the registration requirements set out in the CRTO's [Registration Regulation](#) (O.Reg. 596/94, Part VIII). The current criteria for a General Certificate of Registration include, but are not limited to:

- a) graduation from a Respiratory Therapy program approved by the CRTO¹, and
- b) successful completion of a CRTO-approved examination.

The CRTO accepts the Health Professionals Testing Canada (HPTC)² Respiratory Therapist Exam as the approved entry-to-practice examination (b, above). Applicants may be granted a (temporary) Graduate Certificate of Registration by the CRTO before completing the approved examination. A Graduate Certificate may be issued for up to eighteen (18) months.

Eligibility

First-time exam writers who are or will be graduates of approved Respiratory Therapy programs are automatically eligible to write the HPTC exam. Candidates must apply and pay directly to the HPTC to write the exam.

The CRTO will determine the eligibility of the following candidates who are writing the exam to meet (Ontario) registration requirements:

- Exam candidates who were not successful on their first exam attempt and who are applying to re-write the exam.
- Exam candidates who have not graduated from one of the approved Respiratory Therapy programs.

Individuals who fail the exam three (3) times will not be eligible to rewrite until they submit a study plan for approval by the CRTO Registration Committee. Once the Study Plan is approved and the CRTO has confirmed the individual's eligibility to rewrite, they may attempt the exam **one more time**.

¹ List of approved programs is available on the CRTO website: <http://www.crto.on.ca/student/registration/accredited-schools>

² Formerly the Canadian Board for Respiratory Care (CBRC)



Examination Fact Sheet

If the individual is unsuccessful on their fourth (4th) attempt, they will not be permitted to challenge the exam again until they have re-enrolled and again successfully completed an approved Respiratory Therapy program.

Study Plan Approval

1. Exam candidates who fail the exam three times are required to develop and submit a study plan for approval by the CRTO Registration Committee. We recommend that the candidates contact the CRTO for information on how to develop the study plan.
2. The Registration Committee will review the study plan developed by the exam candidate. If the Registration Committee approves the Study Plan, the CRTO will confirm the individual's eligibility to rewrite the exam one more time (provided that they meet other requirements, e.g., have an open application on file with the CRTO). If the study plan isn't approved, the exam candidate will be asked to resubmit the plan.

Resources

- [Health Professionals Testing Canada \(HPTC\)](#)
Note: Candidates must apply and pay directly to the HPTC to register to write the exam.

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