



College of Respiratory
Therapists of Ontario

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EXAMINATION Fact Sheet

Background

In order to practice Respiratory Therapy in Ontario an applicant is required to meet the registration requirements of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO). The current criteria include, but are not limited to:

- a) graduation from an educational program approved by the CRTO, and
- b) successful completion of a CRTO approved examination

At this time the CRTO accepts the Canadian Board of Respiratory Care (CBRC) Examination as the entry to practice examination (b, above). A person may be granted a (temporary) Graduate Certificate of Registration by the CRTO prior to completing the approved examination. A Graduate Certificate may be issued for up to 18 months.

Eligibility

First time exam writers who are or will be graduates of approved Respiratory Therapy programs¹ are automatically eligible to write the CBRC examinations.

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 rewrite the exam;
- Exam candidates who have not graduated from one of the approved respiratory therapy training programs.

Exam Application and Fees:

Exam candidates must complete the CBRC Application Form. A copy of the form is available on the CBRC website at www.cbrc.ca. The CBRC application form must be submitted directly to the CBRC.

For information on the exam fees and schedule see www.cbrc.ca.

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



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In order to deem eligible by the CRTO to write the exam, the candidate must:

- a) Submit an application for registration to the CRTO with the applicable fees;
- b) Satisfy the application requirements (e.g. meet the education, fluency, currency, good conduct requirements and be eligible to work in Canada as a Respiratory Therapist).

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Exam Re-writes

In accordance with the CRTO policy, applicants for registration will initially be allowed up to **three (3) attempts** to write the exam. Exam candidates who fail the exam three or more times will not be eligible to write the exam again unless they submit a study plan to the CRTO for approval. Once the study plan has been approved, exam eligibility will be confirmed. The study plan should be based on the CRTO Study Plan Guide (SPG) which is available at <http://www.crto.on.ca/pdf/Reg/StudyPlan.pdf>.

Study Plan Approval

1. Exam candidates who fail the exam three or more times are required to contact the CRTO regarding the development and submission of a study plan.
2. CRTO staff will review the study plan in order to ensure that the plan is consistent with the expectations outlined in the SPG. CRTO Staff will provide feedback to the applicant concerning the content of his/her study plan.
3. Following approval of the study plan, the exam candidate will be eligible to write the exam again (provided that she or he meets other requirements).