

COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO



Entry-to-Practice Exam Policy

Type: Registration

Origin Date: June 10, 2005

Section: RG

Approved By Council on: March 28, 2025

Document Number: RG-406

Next Revision Date: March 2030

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The Council of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (“CRTO”) accepts the Health Professionals Testing Canada (HPTC)¹ Respiratory Therapy Exam as the approved entry-to-practice exam for a General Certificate of Registration².

2.0 PURPOSE

This policy provides direction governing the entry-to-practice examination requirements authorized by the CRTO.

3.0 APPLICABILITY & SCOPE OF POLICY

- Applicants for registration will initially be allowed up to three attempts to write the HPTC Respiratory Therapy Exam.
- If an applicant fails to successfully complete the examinations three times, they will not be eligible to take the exam again until the Registration Committee has approved a study plan submitted by the applicant.
- If the applicant fails the exam one more time after their study is approved by the Registration Committee, they must enroll in an approved Respiratory Therapy program and successfully complete that program before taking the examinations again.

4.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Registration Regulation \(O. Reg. 596/94: Part VIII\)](#)
- [Health Professionals Testing Canada](#)
- [Entry-to-Practice Exam Procedure](#)
- [Examination Fact Sheet](#)
- [Study Plan Guide](#)

¹ Formerly the Canadian Board of Respiratory Care (CBRC)

² Prior to 2003, the CRTO also accepted the CRTO’s Core Competencies Evaluation as the entry-to-practice examination. As of December 2003, the CRTO no longer offers the Core Competencies Evaluation.



5.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario

www.crto.on.ca

Telephone: 416-591-7800

Toll-Free (in Ontario): 1-800-261-0528

Fax: 416-591-7890

General Email: questions@crto.on.ca