

# COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO



Title: **Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment**

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## BACKGROUND

Safe and ethical patient care requires all College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) Members to have a basic understanding of the standards, guidelines, legislation and regulation governing practice and conduct. To ensure that all CRTO Members have the same degree of foundational knowledge in this area, the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has implemented a jurisprudence assessment that must be undertaken by all those becoming a Member of the CRTO for the first time or are being reinstated.

The Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment is based on a **Jurisprudence Assessment Blueprint** which outlines the following:

- Blueprint development processes;
- Purpose of the assessment;
- Population who will complete the assessment;
- Content variables (e.g., the standards to be assessed, the weighting of the standards, the categories of standards, etc.)
- Structural variable (e.g., item types, item format, response format, length and duration of assessment, how new content will be added, etc.)
- Contextual variables (e.g., client ages and genders, occupational environment, etc.)

The format of the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment is as follows:

- 60 multiple-choice questions selected from the established item bank
- Online module hosted by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company
- Open-book (all the requisite resource material are available on the CRTO website)

## POLICY

All new Members must complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment within three (3) months of registration. New Members include the following:

- Recent graduates from an approved Respiratory Therapy program
- Respiratory Therapists who were previously registered and have been reinstated
- Respiratory Therapists who have applied to the CRTO through the *Ontario Labour Mobility Act*
- Internationally Educated Healthcare Professionals (IEHP) who have been granted a certificate of Registration
- Respiratory Therapists who have been reinstated (from Inactive) and who have not practiced as Respiratory Therapists in more than five years preceding their application for reinstatement, or as required by the Registration Committee.

Once the initial registration process is complete, the new Member will be notified that they are required to complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment, and will be given a specific 30-day period in which

complete the assessment. Deferrals will only be granted by the QAC in extenuating circumstances. To successfully complete the Launch Jurisprudence Assessment, the Member must meet a benchmark of 70%.