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CERTO QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

What happens if I don't "pass" the Professional Standards Assessment (PSA) and/or my Portfolio Online for Respiratory Therapists (PORTfolio^{OM}) is not accepted?

ANSWER

Both the PSA and the PORTfolio have standards that must be met for successful completion. For the PSA, Members are required to obtain a score that meets or exceeds the [benchmark](#), which is 70% or above the 6th percentile for the given year. Each PORTfolio is assessed using established [assessment criteria](#), and submissions that receive a "NO" on one or more highly or moderately weighted criteria are considered to be incomplete.

A Member who has not successfully completed either the PSA and/or the PORTfolio is provided with an opportunity to repeat the assessment(s). If the Member is still unable to meet the required standards after the second attempt, he/she will be referred to a panel of the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC). The QAC panel is permitted to take any one of a number of actions; however, the usual process is to require the Member to undergo a [Specified Continuing Educational or Remediation Program \(SCERP\)](#). The form and nature of the SCERP will depend on the Member's identified learning needs and challenges, and may consist of:

- A customized educational tool that is implemented utilizing a mentor; or
- An existing course or educational program.

Once the SCERP is completed by the Member, a report goes back to the QAC for their consideration, and a panel of the committee will then take one of three possible actions:



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1. Determine the Member now has sufficient knowledge of the standards that govern RT practice and has satisfied their QA requirements for that year; or
2. Require the Member to undergo a reassessment using the PSA and/or PORTfolio; or
3. Require the Member to undergo a reassessment using a different assessment tool (e.g., oral, written, or practice assessment).

More information on the CRTO's Quality Assurance Program is provided on the CRTO website in the [Quality Practice](#) section. In addition, you are also welcome to contact the CRTO directly if you have any questions or concerns.