

Update from the College of Midwives of Ontario on the Canadian Midwifery Registration Exam February 21st, 2008

If I graduate this year, will I be required to write an exam in order to register?

Students graduating in 2008 will not be required to write a registration examination in order to be registered and practice in Ontario.

I was told that the exam would be a registration requirement in Ontario as of May 2008. Why has this changed?

Due to government timelines, the amendment has not been passed; therefore, we will not be requiring or offering the exam in 2008.

The process for changing our regulations is set out by the government and often involves repeated consultations with different Ministries and long waiting periods. While this helps to ensure that any changes to our regulations are well thought out and effective, it means that we have no control over how long an amendment will take to be passed.

When will the exam be a registration requirement in Ontario?

We cannot require anyone to write a registration exam until the amendment to our registration regulation is passed.

We are continuing to work with the government on making this change but we are not able to predict when this will happen.

How much notice will I be given before the exam becomes a registration requirement in Ontario?

We will provide a **minimum of 6 months notice** to students who will be required to write the exam. Students who register in 2008 will not be required to write the exam.

Once the amendment has been passed, we will implement the exam requirement in Ontario. When Ontario does require and offer the exam, dates will be coordinated with the dates set by the Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium (CMRC). Dates for 2009 have already been set as May 28th and September 17th. These dates and other important information are posted on the CMRC website at <http://cmrc-ccosf.ca>

We will continue to update students and members so that you will know what is happening with the registration regulation amendment and the exam timeline.

Why is a registration exam planned?

We are continuing to work with the government to amend the registration regulation in order to require the exam because:

- a national certification exam enhances the credibility of the profession as a whole;
- it raises the stature of the midwifery profession to that of other professions that require a common exam;
- it protects the public because passing the exam ensures that all registered midwives are practicing to the same competency standard;
- it ensures mutual mobility among the regulated jurisdictions.

What if I want to practice in another province? I was told that the exam would be a registration requirement for other provinces as of May 2008.

The other regulated provinces and territories with the exception of Quebec - British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories - will require the exam in order to be registered in those provinces as of May 2008.

The exam will be offered in each of these places beginning in May 2008. If you want to practice there without having practiced in Ontario for a year, you will need to make arrangements to write the exam in the province or territory in which you wish to register and work. For complete information about when and where the exam will be offered in these provinces, you should contact the appropriate college.

Please feel free to contact the College at 416.327.3132 should you have any questions.