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## Education and Examination Requirements for April 2023 Pan-Canadian Examinations Date: November 8, 2022

To be eligible to write CTCMA examinations including the Pan-Canadian Examinations, among all other requirements, all the examination applicants must:

- graduate from a TCM education program recognized by the board for the purpose of registration and specified in Schedule H or substantial equivalent. (CTCMA Bylaws S48(1)(a) and (4))
- meet all the examination requirements and submit the required documentation before the examination application deadline.

However, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the declaration of public health emergency in British Columbia in the last few years, clinical trainings in TCM may have been delayed. Consequently, some students planning to apply for the April 2023 Pan-Canadian examinations may not be able to complete all the required clinical training hours and graduate from the TCM education program on time before the examination application deadline.

In consideration of the challenges posed by this extraordinary circumstance, the Education and Examination Committee will grant **provisional approval** to **applicants of the April 2023 Pan-Canadian examinations** whose **clinical training** is delayed because of COVID-19, **provided that, by the examination application deadline**:

- The applicant meets **all** requirements for the Pan-Canadian Examinations **EXCEPT** the required clinical training hours; and
  - The minimum number of clinical training hours completed by the time of application deadline should be more than 337.5 hours (which equals to 75% of the minimum required clinical hours as specified in Schedule E) for applicants enrolled in an Acupuncturist or a TCM Herbalist Program. The minimum number of clinical training hours completed by time of application deadline should be more than 487.5 hours (which equals to 75% of the minimum required clinical hours as specified in Schedule E) for applicants enrolled in a TCM Practitioner Program; and
  - The applicant submits all other required documentation with **an interim transcript** issued by the TCM School confirming that the applicant is in the process of completing the clinical training requirement; and
  - The College receives **confirmation** from the TCM School director/coordinator that the applicant meets **all** the requirements for graduation with the exception of the clinical training; and
  - The applicant is required to complete a **Supplementary Form** in their application to be considered by the committee for provisional approval under this temporary policy to take the April 2023 Pan-Canadian Examinations.
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The applicant **must** successfully complete the remainder of clinical hours required by the TCM education program for which the student is currently enrolled in and provide confirmation of completion at the time of registration application.

The purpose of this provisional approval is to allow students whose clinical training is delayed because of COVID-19 to write the Pan-Canadian Examinations **in April 2023 only**. This exemption **does not** apply to:

- candidates applying for any other CTCMA examinations; or
- candidates applying for April 2023 Pan-Canadian examinations but not meeting other examination requirements in addition to insufficient clinical training hours.