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**Date:** November 14, 2024  
**To:** Deans and Directors, Faculties and Schools of Education  
**From:** Linda Lacroix, OCT/EAO Registrar and Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** New Certification Requirement: Mathematics Proficiency Test

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This memo is intended to share information about the Mathematics Proficiency Test (MPT) certification requirement and to whom it applies. We have also included an informational poster with this memo. Please share it with your students or arrange for it to be displayed in a communal area for quick reference.

## Mathematics Proficiency Test

On May 30, 2024, the Government of Ontario announced that the MPT will be reinstated as a certification requirement for teachers in Ontario as of February 1, 2025.

All applicants who complete their application to the College for a general Certificate of Qualification and Registration (CQR) on or after February 1, 2025, must successfully pass the MPT. This applies whether or not the applicant began their application prior to February 1, 2025.

An application is only considered complete when the College receives:

- all required documentation, including proof of completion of an initial teacher education program, to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

Applicants who have submitted a complete application prior to February 1, 2025, will not be required to pass the MPT.

## Applicants for a Transitional Certificate or a Multi-Session Transitional Certificate

Applicants are not required to complete the MPT to be eligible for a Transitional Certificate (TCQR) or a Multi-Session Transitional Certificate (MTCQR). However, they may be required to pass the MPT depending on the date they convert their certificate to a general CQR.

Ontario applicants who are granted a TCQR or MTCQR and **convert it** to a general CQR **before February 1, 2025**, are not required to complete the MPT.

Ontario applicants who are granted a TCQR or MTCQR and **do not convert it** to a general CQR **before February 1, 2025**, will be required to successfully pass the MPT and complete their teacher education program to convert. The MPT requirement applies regardless of when the OCT was initially granted their TCQR or MTCQR.

### **OCTs who currently hold a Transitional Certificate or Multi-Session Transitional Certificate**

Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs) who hold a TCQR or an MTCQR are not required to successfully pass the MPT **if they convert** their certificate to a general CQR **before February 1, 2025**.

OCTs who **do not convert** their TCQR or MTCQR **before February 1, 2025**, will be required to successfully pass the MPT and complete their teacher education program before they can convert.

Applicants who are entitled to receive a certificate based on satisfying requirements to become teachers of an Indigenous language (Native Languages) are exempt from the MPT requirement.

### **No Equivalencies**

There are no equivalencies to the MPT.

### **Teacher Education Program Completion**

The MPT requirement is separate from completing an initial teacher education program. Accordingly, there will be no change to the usual process for sending faculty reports that recommend an applicant for certification after they have completed their teacher education program.

### **Further Information**

The MPT is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and successful results will be sent directly to the College.

Applicants do not have to pay for the MPT, and they may attempt the MPT as many times as needed to pass. The College will receive no information about how many attempts an applicant required, nor will we receive any scores they achieved.

MPT registration is now open at [mathproficiencytest.ca](https://mathproficiencytest.ca), with the first testing window scheduled from October 16, 2024, to December 7, 2024. Additional testing windows will follow in 2025.

The College's [website](#) and [FAQs](#) provide further information about the MPT as a certification requirement.

If you have any further questions, you can contact Stefanie Muhling, OCT, Director of Membership Services by email at [smuhling@oct.ca](mailto:smuhling@oct.ca) or by phone at (437) 880.3000, or toll-free in Canada and the U.S.A. at 1.833.966.5588.

Sincerely,

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Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

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