

## Ministry of Health

Emergency Health Regulatory and Accountability Branch

# Paramedic Labour Mobility Equivalency Information and Application Package

## **Paramedic Labour Mobility Equivalency**

The Emergency Health Regulatory and Accountability Branch (EHRAB) of the Ministry of Health (MOH) continues to be an active supporter of paramedic mobility in Canada. Labour Mobility provisions of the *Canadian Free Trade Agreement* (CFTA) state that certified workers can be recognized as qualified to work by a regulatory body in another province or territory which regulates that occupation.

The MOH Paramedic Labour Mobility Equivalency Process ensures that Primary Care Paramedics (PCP) and Advanced Care Paramedics (ACP) licensed/registered in good standing from other Canadian provinces and territories can be recognized as qualified to seek employment opportunities in Ontario.

In order to become employed in Ontario as a paramedic at any level, a person must hold the Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistant (AEMCA) qualification as required by clause 5.(1)(b) of Ontario Regulation 257/00 made under the *Ambulance Act*. Individuals should also refer to the other qualifications required by section 6 of Ontario Regulation 257/00.

For more information on the CFTA, please visit the CFTA's webpage.

#### **Documentation Requirements**

## 1. Paramedic Labour Mobility Equivalency Application form and Fee

Applicants must submit a completed Application form and fee of \$100 payable to the **Minister of Finance**. Fees must be payed in the form of a **certified cheque** or **money order** in Canadian funds. **Cash or personal cheques will not be accepted**.

#### **AND**

#### 2. Paramedic Labour Mobility form

Applicants submit this form to all provincial regulators where they are currently (or previously) registered. The regulator must forward the completed/signed verification form directly to Certification and Patient Care Standards (CPCS).



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Documentation and fees are sent to:

Ministry of Health Emergency Health Regulatory and Accountability Branch Certification and Patient Care Standards 5700 Yonge Street, 6th Floor Toronto ON M2M 4K5

The applicant's file will be reviewed once CPCS has received a completed Application form, fee and Paramedic Labour Mobility form. Approved applicants will be notified in writing that they are eligible to proceed to the Jurisprudence Examination and will receive additional information related to the examination, as well as instructions on how to complete the examination.

**Note:** If you already hold an AEMCA certificate and are applying as an ACP, you may be exempt from the Jurisprudence Examination **only** if you can provide documentation to support recent paramedic practice in Ontario within the last 12 months. ACP applicants who are exempt from the Jurisprudence Examination will receive their <u>Notification of Equivalency Status</u> once their application is approved.

## **Jurisprudence Examination**

The Jurisprudence Examination is a 50-question multiple-choice examination designed to evaluate the candidate's knowledge of Ontario's paramedic practice standards and provincial legislation pertaining to paramedics.

Candidates should consult the <u>Paramedic Practice Documents</u> website to review the various paramedic practice standards as well as other manuals, guides and training bulletins governing paramedic practice in Ontario. Candidates should consult this site to ensure they are reviewing the current, in force version of all paramedic practice documents, especially when preparing for a subsequent attempt at the exam as new versions may have come into force. Candidates should also review provincial legislation applicable to paramedic practice, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Ambulance Act and Ontario Regulation 257/00
- Child and Family Services Act
- Coroners Act
- Good Samaritan Act. 2001
- Health Care Consent Act, 1996
- Highway Traffic Act
- Mental Health Act
- Occupational Health and Safety Act

Once a candidate is granted access to the examination, they will have 14 days in which to complete it. Candidates have a maximum of two hours in which to complete the examination.

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Candidates are not permitted to log out and return later to complete the examination once it has been started. Once a candidate logs out of the examination, it is considered to have been completed.

Candidates are expected to complete the examination independently.

#### **Notification of Equivalency Status**

Candidates who complete the Jurisprudence Examination will receive a Result Letter within approximately two weeks of completing the examination. Please do not call CPCS for results.

Along with the Result Letter and receipt:

- 1. successful PCP candidates will receive an AEMCA certificate.
- 2. successful ACP candidates will receive an AEMCA certificate and an ACP certificate.
- 3. successful ACP candidates who already hold an AEMCA certificate and did not complete the Jurisprudence Examination will receive an ACP certificate.

Unsuccessful candidates will receive a Feedback Report with their Result Letter and receipt to assist them in preparing for a future attempt, as well as information on how to re-apply.

#### Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to a maximum of four attempts at the exam. Candidates who have not successfully completed the Jurisprudence Examination within 12 months of being approved must re-apply.

### Contact

For more information: Telephone: 416-327-7900 Toll free: 1-800-461-6431

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