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Purpose

To define candidate eligibility to write the COPR Entry to Practice Examination for Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) or Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP).

Description

The COPR Examination is an entry to practice examination used solely for the purpose of entering the paramedic profession in Canada.

Policy

Eligibility:

To write a COPR Entry to Practice Examination, a candidate must meet one of the following criteria:

- A graduate of a Paramedic program, located in Canada, approved by a jurisdiction where the practice of paramedicine is regulated by legislation; or
- A graduate of a Canadian Paramedic educational program listed on Accreditation Canada's List of Accredited / Registered Paramedic programs; or
- An internationally educated individual who has completed the COPR assessment process and been advised by COPR to proceed with applying for the PCP or ACP examination; or
- An individual approved by a Canadian Paramedic Regulator to undertake the COPR Entry to Practice Examination.

Timelines and number of attempts:

COPR does not limit the number of attempts or the timeframe in which to write the COPR Entry to Practice Examinations. It is the candidate's responsibility to be aware of individual provincial requirements regarding timelines to pass an entry to practice examination prior to licensure/registration/certification and whether the provincial regulator has a "number of attempts" requirement.

Process

Applications:

Candidates must apply to write the COPR Entry to Practice Examination through the COPR online application portal at www.copr.ca. Candidates must follow the application instructions on the application portal and adhere to the posted deadlines. Candidates are not required to have successfully completed their course of study to apply for the examination; however, they **must** have all requirements completed and submitted 14 calendar days before the examination date. If a candidate does not provide satisfactory documentation by the deadline, the application is subject to cancellation, and the COPR Refund Policy applies.

Candidates must report all attempts at a Canadian paramedic entry to practice examination for the same designation on their application. The number of attempts does not reset when a refresher course is taken, or another full paramedic program is completed.