

May 4, 2020

Dear exam candidates,

As previously announced by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the simulated office oral (SOO) component of the fall 2020 Certification Examination in Family Medicine and the oral component of the Examination of Added Competence in Emergency Medicine have been cancelled due to the exceptional circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. For this fall 2020 examination session only, a 'pass' will be determined solely on the written component.

The CFPC Board of Examinations and Certification directs that for the upcoming fall 2020 examinations, examination eligibility has now changed and is limited to:

- **Candidates sitting the exam for the first time**
- **Family medicine candidates who are repeating the exam and previously passed the SOO component within the current examination qualification period**

We plan to return to our regular two-component examinations in 2021, subject to any further adjustments necessitated by the course of the pandemic. Candidates who still need to pass the SOO component of the of the family medicine examination, and those who are repeating the emergency medicine examination must wait until:

- April 2021 for the Certification Examination in Family Medicine
- September 2021 for the Examination of Added Competence in Emergency Medicine

Candidates who do not qualify for examinations this fall remain eligible for the 2021 examination administrations.

Any candidates who are now ineligible for this fall's examinations but who registered and paid the examination fees can choose to either:

- Have their examination fees fully refunded.
- Apply their examination fees to the 2021 examinations.

All candidates who are taking this fall's examinations for the first time are reminded that should they be unsuccessful, they will be required to pass the regular two-component examination at their next sitting.

Requests for fee refunds or other questions may be directed to ccfpexam@cfpc.ca.

Sincerely,

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