

# Medical Council of Canada

## Exam Changes

- The MCCEE will be phased out; the last session will be November 2018
- As of application for the 2019 MCCQE Part 1, the MCCEE will not be a pre-requisite for IMGs to take the MCCQE Part I
- As of March 2018 , the MCCEE will not be a pre-requisite for IMGs to take the National Assessment Collaboration (NAC) exam session

# MCC: NAC-OSCE Changes

- Starting March 2018, candidates will be able to retake the NAC Examination if they have a pass (or fail) result, for up to three attempts in all (but will have to skip a session before re-applying)
- IMGs may take the NAC exam within 12 months of their anticipated date of graduation

# MCC – Other Changes

- More opportunities to take and retake the MCCQE Part 1 – four to five times per year vs the current 2x/year
- New preparatory materials
- Changes to both MCCQE Part 1 and Part 2 exams will focus on health promotion, illness prevention and psychosocial factors, communication with patient families, other HC professionals, and with colleagues.
- **A new passing standard** to be implemented as of the Spring 2018 MCCQE Part 1 and Fall 2018 MCCQE Part 2 sessions.

# MCC Exam Changes – WHY?

- Need for more opportunities to take and retake the MCCQE Part 1 and need to simplify the evaluation process for IMGs
- Additional preparatory material for the MCCQE Part 1 and Part 2
- A re-examination of the purpose and mandate of the NAC exam
- The new MCC assessment [Blueprint](#) and the Assessment Evolution address these concerns and the Council received funding of \$6.7 million from federal government to make the changes

# MCC Preparatory Resources

To mitigate the **higher level of difficulty compared to the current MCCEE**, IMGs will be supported by new preparatory material which will include:

- **A multiple-choice questions test and clinical decision making test** – Each test will represent a sampling of the MCCQE Part 1.
- **Preparatory Examinations** – complete MCCQE Part 1 test forms that will simulate the exam experience, and provide candidates with question-level feedback
- **Orientation self-study program** on topics such as communication and cultural competency as well as the ethical, legal, and organizational aspects of medicine
- The orientation self-study program is currently available on [physiciansapply.ca](http://physiciansapply.ca), while the new multiple-choice questions test, clinical decision making test and Preparatory Examinations will be made available on [mcc.ca](http://mcc.ca) starting in 2018.

# Issues for Residency and Fellowship Program Directors

## Equity, Timing, Licensing

- Comparison of
  - candidates with scores from the new MCCQE1 vs “old” MCCQE1
  - MCCEE vs new MCCQE1
  - old vs new NAC-OSCE
- If an IMG has written the MCCEE previously, are they exempt from the new MCCQE1
- Will the CPSO still accept the MCCEE after “phase-out”
- Can those who already have the MCCEE also write the new MCCQE1 if they wish
- Will IMGs who take the MCCQE1 in early 2019 have any issues with receiving their results before application deadlines

2016



APRIL

- Test specifications for MCCQE Part I published to MCC website

2017



SPRING

- Test specifications for MCCQE Part II published to MCC website

2018



JAN.

- Launch of Multiple-Choice Questions Practice Test for the MCCQE Part I

SPRING

- Launch of enhanced MCCQE Part I based on the new Blueprint

MARCH

- New NAC Examination eligibility criteria in effect

JUNE

- MCCQE Part I standard-setting exercise

JULY

- Release of results for spring 2018 MCCQE Part I

FALL

- Launch of enhanced MCCQE Part II based on the new Blueprint
- Launch of Clinical Decision Making Practice Test for the MCCQE Part I

NOV.

- Last MCCEE session

DEC.

- MCCQE Part II standard-setting exercise

2019



JAN.

- Launch of Preparatory Examinations
- Release of results for fall 2018 MCCQE Part II

SPRING

- MCCQE Part I offered up to five times annually
- Launch of MCCQE Part I International

MARCH

- Launch of enhanced NAC Examination