



The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada

Le Bureau des examinateurs en pharmacie du Canada

ASSESSOR INFORMATION

Licensed Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians - Invitation to Participate in the PEBC Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE / OSPE)

The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) invites qualified pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to consider participating in the PEBC Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE and/or OSPE).

Since 2001, the **PEBC Qualifying Examination for pharmacists** has consisted of two components: Part I is the multiple-choice question examination and Part II is a performance assessment. Part II is known as an **Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)**. It is designed to assess communications/interpersonal skills, the application of knowledge to simulations of commonly encountered patient scenarios and other aspects of professional competence that do not lend well to written examinations. The competencies to be assessed through both the written and practice-based exams are those adopted (or adapted) by all member provinces of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA).

In 2010, PEBC implemented the **PEBC Qualifying Examination for pharmacy technicians**, also consisting of a multiple-choice examination (Part I) and performance-based examination (Part II), the **Objective Structured Performance Examination (OSPE)**. The examination will be implemented in provinces as they move forward with regulation of pharmacy technicians. Once licensed in their own province, pharmacy technicians will be integrated into all PEBC examination administration and assessment processes.

PEBC Assessors

Many assessors find that involvement as an assessor is both personally and professionally rewarding. Although many return year after year there is always a need for new assessors. Each year, PEBC invites interested pharmacists who have been licensed in Canada for at least two years and who are currently providing or directly supervising patient care services (including dispensing, clinical and/or drug information services) to apply as assessors for both the OSCE and the OSPE. PEBC also invites interested pharmacy technicians who are currently licensed in their province (or “Registered” in Manitoba) to apply as assessors for the OSPE.

Please refer to the PEBC Assessor Application Form for further eligibility details.

It is particularly important that licensed pharmacists be involved in assessing candidates for pharmacist licensure as the examination reflects both the health care needs of the public and the standards of the profession. Likewise, it is important that licensed pharmacy technicians be involved as assessors in the OSPE.

The complete list of interested assessors is submitted for annual review with the licensing bodies, for confirmation that all assessors are currently registered to practice in a patient care setting without any terms, conditions or limitations, and have not been disciplined within the previous three years.

Expanded Roles and Professional Competencies for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

PEBC very much appreciates the interest shown by practicing pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in PEBC's Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE/OSPE). It is important that all participants in the examination support the expanded roles of the pharmacists and regulated pharmacy technicians, in the pharmacy and in the health care system as a whole. PEBC has based the examinations on the NAPRA competencies. If you have questions about the PEBC examination, the competencies being assessed or your eligibility to be an assessor, please contact PEBC, pebcinfo@pebc.ca.