

# Canadian Midwifery Registration Examination

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## 2006 INFORMATION SHEET (updated August 2006)

### Eligibility

In 2006, the CMRE is open ONLY to internationally-educated midwives who have been assessed by one of the following midwifery regulatory authorities as eligible to take this exam and have been provided with a candidate number:

- ❖ College of Midwives of British Columbia
- ❖ Alberta Midwifery Health Disciplines Committee
- ❖ College of Midwives of Manitoba

### Examination Registration

1. Complete the *CMRE Registration Form* for the province to which you are applying
2. Submit it to the midwifery regulatory authority in the province to which you are applying, along with the fee (see acceptable payment methods on registration form) so that it is received by the exam registration deadline.
3. Additional information, including exact location, will be sent to you after your registration is processed.

### Examination Schedule

<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Withdrawal Deadline<sup>2</sup></i>
1. May 23, 2006	April 18, 2006	May 1, 2006
2. Sept 13, 2006	July 28, 2006	August 18, 2006

<sup>1</sup>registration forms and fees must be received by the registration deadline.

<sup>2</sup>for 50% refund of exam fees upon written request.

The exam will take place from 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm. Candidates must arrive at the examination site by 8:30 and 1:15pm or admittance may be denied. Lunch must be taken off-site.

### Examination Sites

*May:*

Vancouver, British Columbia

Calgary, Alberta

The Pas, Manitoba

*Sept:*

Vancouver, British Columbia

Calgary, Alberta

Winnipeg, Manitoba

You must indicate at which site you are planning to take the exam on the registration form. Once registered, this cannot be changed.

## Examination Format

The examination consists of between 210 and 230 questions of which 165 to 175 are multiple-choice questions and 45 to 55 are short-answer questions. The majority of questions on the exam are case-based. This is when a “case”, or specific clinical scenario, is described and one or more questions following relate to that scenario.

Each multiple choice question has four options (a,b,c,d) with only one best option to the question presented.

Short answer questions ask candidates to list between one and four responses. Each response must include only one concept or idea. Markers will only consider the number of responses requested; additional responses will not be considered.

## Examination Content

Exam questions come from the CMRE databank according to the *CMRE Blueprint*. The exam content is based on the *Canadian Competencies for Midwives*. Both documents are available at [www.cmrc-ccosf.ca](http://www.cmrc-ccosf.ca). The percentage of questions on the exam from each competency is noted below.

General Competencies	5-10%
Education and Counselling	5-10%
Antepartum	25-30%
Intrapartum	25-30%
Postpartum – Maternal	10-15%
Postpartum – Newborn	10-15%
Well-Woman Care	1-5%
Professional & Legal	1-3%
Professional Development	1-3%

In order to represent the range of care a Canadian midwife is expected to provide, slightly more than half of the questions will be set in an out-of-hospital setting with the remainder in a hospital setting. Slightly more than half of the questions will represent normal midwifery situations and the remainder, abnormal situations.

## Language

The examination is available only in English in May and September 2006.

Dictionaries or other language aids are NOT permitted during the exam.

## **Special Needs**

Requests for special exam accommodation must be accompanied by detailed written supporting documentation directly from a third party such as your physician, psychologist, or religious leader, as appropriate. Contact information for the person providing the opinion must be provided.

Requests for special exam accommodation must be received by the exam registration deadline. Requests will be considered on an individual basis. While the CMRC will do its best to provide appropriate accommodation, we cannot guarantee its availability.

## **Examination Admittance**

For admittance to the exam, candidates must provide the exam proctor with photo identification and the “candidate admission letter” issued by their provincial regulator.

Do not bring personal belongings, exam aids, or food/drink to the examination unless you have received written permission based on an application under “special needs”, in which case you must present your letter of permission to the exam proctor. Anything you do bring will be held by the exam proctor for the full day. Water will be provided.

Do not wear scents to the exam site due to allergy concerns of some candidates.

## **Smoking**

Please note that smoking breaks are not permitted during the exam.

## **Confidentiality and Security of Examination Material**

The examination and all associated materials are protected by copyright law. Stringent measures are in place to protect the examination before, during, and after its administration. This ensures that no candidate has an unfair advantage over others, and avoids the very high costs of replacing examination materials should security be breached.

Candidates must NOT:

- ❖ Remove or copy any part of the examination;
- ❖ Provide assistance to any other candidate during the examination;
- ❖ Receive assistance during the examination;
- ❖ Have another individual fraudulently sit in for them;
- ❖ Receive or provide information about exam content before or after the examination;
- ❖ Carry out any other conduct that puts the security of the exam at risk.

### **Examination Pass Score**

The passing score for the CMRE is developed through a modified angoffing standard setting process which includes an evaluation of the level of difficulty of each exam question by a panel of Canadian midwifery experts. This process ensures that the pass mark is valid and reliable, and fair to all candidates. With each new exam form, the passing score is adjusted to ensure that the overall level of difficulty is the same for every sitting and each candidate has an equal opportunity to pass. The pass score is confirmed after a statistical performance review is completed post-exam where any questions that didn't function well are eliminated. As a result of this complex process, the specific passing score may change from sitting to sitting, however it will remain in a set range of between 70% and 80%.

### **Examination Results**

Examinations are scored by markers from at least two provinces. Each exam is double-marked by hand.

Examination score reports (Pass or Fail) will be mailed by your provincial regulatory authority within 4-6 weeks of the exam date. Results will not be provided verbally nor by email.

General feedback will be provided along with the score report. Due to security and cost implications, candidates will NOT be permitted to see copies of their exams.

### **Appeals**

Only petitions based on procedural issues or compassionate grounds are accepted. Your provincial regulatory authority should receive your written "incident report" describing the basis of your appeal within 72 hours from the end time of the exam. The request must be accompanied by supporting documentation (eg letter from doctor) and a \$50 fee.

Rescoring: Due to the fact that exams are automatically double-marked, requests for rescoring a third time entail a \$250 fee (\$200 of which will be refunded if the mark is changed from fail to pass as a result). Rescoring requests must be received within 30 days of the date results were issued. The rescoring process will take a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

No other appeals are accepted.

### **Examination Rewrite**

Candidates are eligible to take the exam a maximum of three times.

Candidates who fail the exam all three times will be required to restart the assessment process and submit a new application to their provincial/territorial regulator. The assessment requirements for reapplication may vary from

province to province. Candidates may be required to provide evidence of additional education or experience since their first application.