

# Canadian Midwifery Registration Examination

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## INFORMATION FOR CMRE CANDIDATES IN 2009-2010

### Eligibility

The CMRE is open to internationally-educated midwives and Canadian Educated Midwifery Candidates as defined below.

Internationally-educated midwives are eligible to write the CMRE if they 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
- ❖ Ordre des sages-femmes du Québec

Canadian Educated Midwifery Candidates are eligible to write the CMRE if a regulatory-body-approved program of midwifery education (within the jurisdiction where the candidate is writing the exam) has been completed. Proof of program completion with a pass score must be provided by the candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that transcripts are provided by the educating body. If transcripts are not available, a letter from the educating body indicating a) that all assessment components have been completed and b) that the candidate has passed all aspects of the program, will be accepted.

### Examination Registration

1. Complete the *CMRE Registration Form* for the province to which you are applying.
2. Submit the registration form along with a recent passport size photo and fee to the midwifery regulatory authority in the province to which you are applying. Forms AND payment must be received by the exam registration deadline. (Check with your local regulatory authority for acceptable payment methods.)
3. Additional information, including the CMRE sitting location, will be sent to you after your registration has been processed.

### Examination Schedule

<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>Withdrawal Deadline</i> <sup>2</sup>
May 21, 2009	March 30, 2009	April 27, 2009
Oct 8, 2009	August 17, 2009	September 18, 2009
May 27, 2010	April 1, 2010	May 3, 2010

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

<sup>2</sup>Withdrawal policy – 75% of fee will be reimbursed to any candidates who withdraw by the withdrawal deadline. No reimbursements are available after that date.

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

## Examination Sites

***The following cities have offered CMRE sittings in the past:***

Vancouver, British Columbia

Edmonton, Alberta

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Please watch this website for notification of CMRE offerings in these and other Canadian cities. **Not all cities host all sittings.** Candidates must indicate at which site they are planning to take the examination on the registration form. Once registered, this cannot be changed. Candidates are required to confirm with the local registrar that a sitting is being held in their selected city prior to registration.

## Examination Format

The examination consists of case based and independent multiple-choice questions totalling between 210-230 questions.

Exam questions come from the CMRE exam databank according to the *CMRE Blueprint* and its content is based on the *Canadian Competencies for Registered 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 in either English or French. If you wish to write the CMRE in French, please indicate this preference on the registration form. At this time, the default is English unless French is specifically requested.

### **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 CMRE 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 letter of eligibility to take the examination provided to you by your provincial regulatory authority.

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 duration of the examination periods. Water will be provided.

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

### **Examination Pass Score**

The passing score for the CMRE is developed through a standard setting process that ensures that the pass mark accurately reflects the acceptable level of Midwifery proficiency in Canada. Examination forms are validated and subject to a statistical check of reliability. The CMRE uses an item writing and standard setting procedure that promotes comparability and fairness across candidates, test forms and yearly administrations. As a result of this complex process, the specific passing score may change slightly from one sitting to the next.

### **Examination Results**

Examinations are scored using automated scoring and checked through hand scoring.

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 or via e-mail.

### **Examination Rewrite**

Candidates are eligible to take the exam a maximum of three times after which they will be required to reapply to their provincial regulator for eligibility to rewrite the exam. Normally, candidates will only be granted an opportunity to rewrite the exam if they indicate successful completion of additional study. The requirements for reapplication may vary from province to province.