
Policy on Failure of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam

As per the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators...

“Any candidate who fails a component of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE) may repeat the failed component two(2) times. These attempts must occur within two(2) years of the failed exam. Any candidate who fails a component of the PCE three (3) times shall not be eligible to retake the component a fourth time unless the candidate takes further training or education deemed satisfactory by the executive Director of the Alliance.”

As per the regulations, section 6, the council may issue a temporary licence for a limited period, to an applicant who has not yet successfully completed the PCE, provided that the applicant is registered to take the next PCE.

If the applicant has failed to complete the component of the PCE, they must show they are registered to take the next PCE to maintain their temporary licence. Until they have successfully completed the PCE, they must continue to work with a temporary licence and must practice under the supervision of a specified licenced physiotherapist. On receiving the results that the applicant has not completed the PCE for the third and final time, their temporary licence must be revoked.