

 <p>Prince Edward Island College of Physiotherapy</p> <p>POLICIES & PROCEDURES</p>	<p>POLICY TITLE:</p> <p>Alternate Plan</p>
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PURPOSE

As a result of the cancelation of the Clinical Component of the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) administered by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR), the Prince Edward Island College of Physiotherapy (PEICPT) council has made the decision to implement an interim Alternate Plan to allow PT Residents the option to apply for full licensure. This would act as a temporary alternative process to fulfill the registration requirements of section 13 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act - Physiotherapist Regulations* for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria established by Council. When the CAPR's new examination is available, the PEICPT will support this standard requirement for full licensure.

DEFINITIONS

Alternate Plan: The PEICPT final competency examination for licensure in substitute of the PCE – Clinical Component

PCE: Physiotherapy Competency Exam administered by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) which includes a Written Component (PCE-W) and a Clinical Component (PCE-C). The PCE-C is no longer available.

Physiotherapist Resident: a member who has completed all other requirements for registration on the General Register of the PEI College of Physiotherapy, but not yet successfully completed the final competency examination.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to be invited to apply for full licensure with PEICPT, PT Residents must have:

1. Been on the PEICPT PT Resident registry for > 12 consecutive months with no previous attempts at the PCE-cc or been on the PEICPT PT Resident registry for > 18 consecutive months if previous unsuccessful attempts at the PCE-CC
2. Minimum of 1200 practice hours in the same practice area (must be direct patient care and completed in PEI)
3. Only 1-2 employers
4. Only 1-2 supervisors
5. No past or present complaints made to the PEICPT

PT Residents will be contacted directly by the Registrar via email when they are eligible to apply. The Registrar will assist the PT Resident with necessary steps to determine if they are eligible to participate in the Alternate Plan. If deemed eligible, the Registrar will provide an Alternate Plan Package to the PT Resident.

The Alternate Plan process will include but is not limited to:

1. Letters of support from Employers/Supervisors
2. Review of Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
3. A goal setting exercise
4. A written jurisprudence exam
5. A 500-word reflective essay
6. An in-person supervised practice assessment/exam using a blended version of the ACP and a Provisional Practice Monitoring Tool.
7. Payment for the cost of the examination to the PEICPT

Upon the completion of the Alternate Plan, the Registrar will contact the PT Resident via email if a passing or failing grade was appointed. If successful, the PT Resident will be moved to the general registry Physiotherapy category. If unsuccessful, the PT Resident can attempt the Alternate Plan one additional time in the future, this will be determined by the Registrar and council of the PEICPT. If two failed attempts occur, the license will be revoked with no further opportunity to pursue a general register Physiotherapy license or work as a Physiotherapy Resident.

Disclaimer

Labour mobility provisions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) guarantee the recognition of PT licensure from province to province within Canada. However, there is a mechanism available by which a provincial regulatory authority may apply to bar registrants from another province from seeking licensure in their jurisdiction. For example, Nova Scotia might apply to exclude from registering in their jurisdiction any Prince Edward Island physiotherapist who chose to by-pass the PCE-CC requirement. The PEICPT makes no assurances, representations or warranties that registrants who do not pass the CAPR PCE-CC will be permitted to practice in other jurisdictions and work interprovincially, as such decisions are at the discretion for the other provincial regulatory authorities.