

Qualifying Examination FAQs

Do I have to complete the QE Initial Application form each time I want to register for the Qualifying Examination?

No. The QE Initial Application form must be completed and submitted with supporting documentation only **prior to registering for your first attempt** at the Qualifying Examination.

Will the College confirm receipt of my QE Initial Application?

Yes. The College will confirm receipt and process your QE Initial Application within 3 to 5 business days.

Am I registered for the Qualifying Examination now that I have submitted my QE Initial Application?

No. The QE Initial Application is only used to create your CDO profile and confirm you have met the educational requirement. Once you receive notification that your initial application has been processed and approved, you can register for the Qualifying Examination.

How will I know that I am eligible to register for the Qualifying Examination?

You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to register for the exam. The notification email will contain your candidate number and login information for your CDO profile.

Will the College confirm receipt of my Qualifying Examination Registration Form?

Yes, the College will confirm receipt within 3 to 5 business days.

Do I have to take both components of the Qualifying Examination at the same time?

Yes. Candidates must successfully complete both components of the Qualifying Exam, unless they have passed one of the two components in a previous attempt.

The QE consists of two components:

Part I: Multiple Choice Questions (**MCQ**) - knowledge based written exam

Part II: Objective Structured Clinical Examination (**OSCE**) – practical exam

Can I pay for the exam in installments?

Regretfully, the College cannot process installment payments for the Qualifying Examination. Payment in full is required with your completed registration form.

I am repeating the exam this year. Do I get a discount?

Regretfully no. The examination fees are set on cost recovery basis for the exam administration. Consequently, the full exam registration fee is required for each component and at each attempt.

When will I receive confirmation that I am registered for an examination session?

An email confirming your registration for the exam and an invitation for you to attend the mandatory candidate orientation session will be sent to all registered candidates at least 4 weeks prior to the examination.

When will I receive my schedule for the exam?

This information will be sent via email to all registered candidates after the mandatory candidate orientation session.

Is there a map to the exam site?

Yes. The map to the exam site is updated approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the exam.

Is there parking at the exam centres?

Parking is available in the area of the test centres but is not guaranteed. Public transit may be a more reliable option. Please note that the **TTC subway service does not begin until 8 am on Sundays** (subject to change).

Is lunch provided?

Lunch is not provided.

How do I dress for the exams?

Part I - MCQ: There is no official dress code.

Part II - OSCE: Candidates are required to wear scrubs and comfortable shoes. Any logos or other identifiers (school, employer, individual) must be removed or securely and fully covered with an opaque material such as duct tape.

What do I need to bring to my exam?

A government issued photo identification. All other materials that you will need throughout the examination will be provided to you.

How can I prepare for the exam?

The following documents and links contain detailed information regarding the QE and its components. Candidates are advised to familiarize themselves with the information contained in these documents prior to entering into the examination process:

- [Exam Policies](#)
- [Part I – MCQ Protocol](#)
- [Part II – OSCE Protocol](#)
- [Qualifying Examination Blueprint](#)

The following may be useful resources when preparing for the QE:

- [Essential Competencies for Denturism Practice in Ontario, 2015](#)
- [National Competency Profile for Denturists](#)
- [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#)
- [Denturism Act, 1991](#)
- [Regulations](#)
- [By-laws](#)
- [Standards of Practice](#)
- [Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System \(WHMIS\)](#)
- [OSCE Sample Videos](#)

Can I get copies of past exam questions for Part I-MCQ?

No. Past examination questions are not available. The MCQ exam questions follow the very common format of a four option multiple choice question.

What types of questions does the OSCE portion of the examination include?

The OSCE stations are designed to test the competencies outlined in the **QE blueprint** and include two different types of stations:

- Interactive stations have a standardized patient who presents with an issue(s). The candidate is required to assess the information provided by the patient with the assistance of any props or models in the station and determine the best treatment plan and/or options for that patient. This is similar to a consultation. There are no intraoral procedures in the OSCE examination. [View Video of Sample OSCE Interactive Station](#)
- Non-interactive stations may have pictures, models, props or diagrams and a checklist. At the non-interactive station, the candidate answers a question in a multiple-choice format after considering all of the question related materials that are provided.

How and when will I get the results online?

Results are available approximately 6 weeks after the completion of all exam components. You will receive an email notifying you that the examination results have been posted online. Results are released on a pass/fail basis only. When you receive this email, please log into your [Candidate Profile](#) on the College website to view your results.

What are the passing marks for the OSCE and MCQ portions of the examination?

The pass score for each exam administration is determined by the difficulty of the items that are assessed by the examination. In setting the passing score, the College uses the Angoff method; the most widely used standard setting approach, to determine the required level of performance for entry level candidates in high stakes licensure examinations.

How many attempts to take the exam is allowed?

There are currently no restrictions on the number of attempts of the Qualifying Examination.

What is the College's policy on the appeals process for the results of the exam?

The examination appeal policy can be found in [Qualifying Examination Appeal Policy](#).

What is the last date for withdrawal from the examination? Is there a fee?

The last day to withdraw from the examination with a full refund (minus a \$100 administrative fee for each component) is 15 business days prior to the scheduled examination date. This information is further described in the [Qualifying Examination Refund Policy](#) and the [Qualifying Examination Withdrawal Policy](#).