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**Memorandum
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Subject:

Mathematics Proficiency Test
Update and Request to Share
with Potential Test Takers

We are writing to provide an update on the Mathematics Proficiency Test (MPT), which is a requirement for certification by the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT).

Firstly, we would like to thank members of the MPT Governance Steering Committee for their guidance and support as we developed and launched the MPT.

As you know, as a result of public health measures taken to stop the spread of COVID-19, implementation of the MPT was delayed and many teacher candidates were not able to meet this requirement in 2020.

As such, an amendment was made to Ontario Regulation 271/19 (Proficiency in Mathematics) made under the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* to authorize the Registrar of the OCT to certify, with condition, individuals who complete their application on or after March 31, 2020. This condition stipulates that the applicant must successfully complete the MPT by August 31, 2021. The August 31, 2021 deadline for completing the MPT also applies to the holders of new temporary certificate of qualification and registration.

We are pleased to share that the ministry has entered into an agreement with Colleges Ontario to administer the MPT. Colleges Ontario is the association representing the province's 24 public colleges and its members have extensive experience in administering various tests, in-person and remotely.

We ask that faculties of education share the information below with teacher candidates as soon as possible. Similarly, we ask that the OCT share the information below with holders of conditional or temporary certificate of qualification and registration. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and the OCT are updating their respective websites accordingly.

Test Dates

Starting May 3, 2021 teachers who hold a General Certificate of Qualification and Registration with a condition to complete the MPT, a Temporary Certificate of Qualification and Registration, a Transitional Certificate of Qualification and Registration and applicants to the OCT can book a test session on the MPT website <https://mathproficiencytest.ca/>. Online test sessions will be available starting May 10, 2021 and in person test sessions will only be available after the province-wide Stay-at-Home order is lifted. After completing their test, individuals will receive their results within 10 business days. If required, individuals can book another test session once their results are received. There is no limit to the number of attempts. This ensures individuals have multiple opportunities to write the test before the deadline of August 31, 2021.

The August 31, 2021 deadline does not apply to Internationally Educated Teachers. Instead, Internationally Educated Teachers have two years from the date of their initial certification to pass the MPT, and a condition will appear on their teaching certificate until such time as they successfully complete the test. These individuals will also have access to the test as of May 3, 2021.

Test Costs

There will be no costs to writing the test online or in person up to August 31, 2021. As of September 1, 2021, the first attempt to complete the MPT will continue to be free for applicants to the OCT. Certified teachers writing the test voluntarily and applicants to the OCT writing subsequent attempts will be required to pay a fee as of September 1, 2021.

Language

The test, invigilation and technical support services will be available in English and French. Individuals will have the opportunity to select the language of testing at the time of test booking.

Accommodation

The MPT will be offered online with live invigilation conducted remotely and in person for those who require accommodation or who would not otherwise have access to the required technology. Test takers will be asked to communicate their accommodation requirements at the time of booking.

Preparation

To help individuals prepare for the MPT, a practice test, blueprint and other resources are available on <https://mathproficiencytest.ca/>.

The ministry recognizes that this is an unprecedented time for teacher candidates, faculties of education and the wider education sector. This testing plan will support test takers by providing equitable access and multiple opportunities to complete the test successfully.

For more information about how the government is supporting people, businesses and families during COVID-19, please visit www.ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Your continued support and collaboration are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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