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Subject: Further Update on
Mathematics Proficiency Test

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

As communicated on June 8, 2021, an amendment was made to Ontario Regulation 271/19 (Proficiency in Mathematics) under the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* extending the deadline to fulfill the MPT condition from August 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for OCT members with a condition to complete the MPT. This extension aims to provide more time for individuals to take the test and to reduce barriers for new or existing teachers to begin or continue teaching in the fall.

The summer 2021 MPT test window administered by Colleges Ontario ran from May 10 to August 21, 2021. Over 9,000 virtual and in-person test sessions were available at multiple locations across Ontario.

We ask that faculties of education share the information below about the fall 2021 MPT test window with teacher candidates. Similarly, we ask that the OCT share the information below with holders of a Certificate of Qualification and Registration with MPT condition. We also ask that the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and the OCT update their respective websites accordingly.

Fall 2021 MPT Test Window

The fall 2021 MPT test window is scheduled to run from September 27 to December 11, 2021. Test session booking will open on September 20, 2021 on [the MPT website](#). 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 an individual can make of the MPT. This ensures individuals have multiple opportunities to write the test before the deadline of December 31, 2021.

The December 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 Certificate of Qualification and Registration until such time as they successfully complete the MPT. These individuals will also have access to test sessions booking as of September 20, 2021.

Priority Access

Access to test session booking during the fall 2021 test window will be restricted to individuals who are required to take the MPT for certification with the OCT. This includes:

- teachers who hold a General Certificate of Qualification and Registration with a condition to complete the MPT (including Internationally Educated Teachers),
- teachers who hold a Transitional Certificate of Qualification and Registration with a condition to complete the MPT,
- teachers who hold a Temporary Certificate of Qualification and Registration, and
- applicants to the OCT.

Labour mobility applicants, Native Languages applicants and certified teachers without the MPT condition who are not required to pass the MPT for certification with the OCT, but would like to take it voluntarily, will be able to book a test session in the next test window in 2022.

Test Costs

There will be no cost to writing the test until the end of 2021 for those who are required to pass the MPT for certification with the OCT. Fee information for 2022 will be communicated in the future.

Language

The test, invigilation and technical support services will continue to be available in English and French. Individuals will need to select the language of invigilation at the time of test booking on the MPT website and choose the language of the test on the test day. The sessions that are marked “bilingual” have bilingual invigilators who can serve test takers in English or French.

Accommodation

Test takers will have the opportunity to take the test virtually (with live invigilation conducted remotely) and in person. Test takers who require accommodation or who would not otherwise have access to the required technology are asked to communicate their accommodation requirements at the time of booking. Test takers will be required to provide documentation to support their request. An Accommodations Advisor will be in contact with test takers a few days before the test date to review the request.

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.

Your continued support and collaboration are appreciated.

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