College of Naturopaths of Ontario

Exam Transition FAQs

1. What is changing on April 1, 2027?

Beginning April 1, 2027, the College will transition to the Canadian Alliance of Naturopathic Regulatory Authorities Qualifying Examinations (CANRA-QE) for entry-to-practise in Ontario. The College will no longer administer the following entry-to-practise examinations:

- Ontario Clinical (Practical) Examinations
- Ontario Biomedical Examination
- Ontario Clinical Sciences Examination

2. Why is the College transitioning to the CANRA-QE?

The transition supports a consistent national approach to assessing naturopathic competencies and reduces duplicate examination requirements for applicants seeking registration in more than one jurisdiction.

3. Will there still be opportunities to take the current Ontario entry-to-practise examinations before the transition occurs?

Yes. The College will offer one final session of the Ontario Clinical (Practical), Clinical Sciences, and Biomedical examinations through February and March 2027. Examination dates are listed on the Examination Transition page and on each examination's exam schedule page.

5. How long are my previously passed examination results valid?

Passing College examination results remain valid for two years from the date your successfully completed examination was completed.

4. What happens if I have passed some, but not all, of the current Ontario examinations by April 1, 2027?

If your passing examination results are still valid, you will only need to complete the corresponding CANRA-QE examination that remains outstanding.

6. Will my previous unsuccessful College entry-to-practise examination attempts count toward the number of attempts I have to complete the CANRA-QE?

No. However, if you have made two or more unsuccessful attempts, some additional requirements will apply before you're eligible to take the CANRA-QE.

7. What happens if I have had two or more unsuccessful attempts of the College's entry-to-practise examinations?

If you've made two unsuccessful attempts at a College entry-to-practise examination you must undergo a review by a panel of the College's Registration Committee who will determine what, if any, additional education/training(otherwise known as remediation) is required. You must complete this panel-required remediation before you're eligible for the CANRA-QE.

If you have made three unsuccessful attempts at a College entry-to-practise examination, you must meet additional requirements, as set out in the Registration Regulation. Specifically, you must first complete another program in naturopathy OR be granted an additional examination attempt from the Registration Committee based on exceptional circumstances, before you're eligible for the CANRA-QE.

8. I previously received examination accommodation for the College's entry-to-practise examinations. Do I need to apply again if seeking accommodation for the CANRA-QE?

Yes. You must submit a new accommodation request and supporting documentation to the College.

Submitting a new accommodation request with supporting documentation ensures that any format differences between the College's entry- to-practise examinations and the CANRA-QE can be properly factored into any granted accommodation.

10. Do I need to take the CANRA-QE if I have already passed all of the College's entry-to-practise examinations?

No. You will not need to take the CANRA-QE if all your passing examination results are still valid when you apply for registration. Passing examination results remain valid for two years from the date each examination was successfully completed.

11. If I have passed one component of the Ontario Clinical (Practical) Examinations, does that count as a completed examination?

No. The Ontario Clinical (Practical) Examinations are considered successfully completed only when a candidate has achieved a passing score on all three of its composite parts (acupuncture, manipulation and physical examination/instrumentation).

12. What role will the College and CANRA have after the transition?

The College will continue to:

- determine examination eligibility
- review accommodation requests,
- conduct remediation reviews after two unsuccessful examination attempts
- set the permitted number of examination attempts permitted for applicantsseeking registration in Ontario

CANRA will administer the CANRA-QE including registering candidates, providing information about examination registration, dates, and delivery, and processingexamination appeals.

Review this **Who to contact** graphic to find out whether to contact the College or CANRA about your question.

13. Will the CANRA-QE fees be the same as the current Ontario examination fees?

CANRA sets the fees for the CANRA-QE. Please review CANRA's fee schedule for current fee information.

14. If I am currently completing remediation following previous unsuccessful examination attempts, will I need to complete additional remediation with CANRA?

No. The College will continue to handle all remediation reviews and requirements. If you have questions about your current remediation requirements, please contact the College at exams@collegeofnatuorpaths.on.ca.

15. I am registered in another Canadian jurisdiction. Does the transition affect me?

If you are registered and actively practicing naturopathy in a Canadian jurisdiction and seeking registration in Ontario, you would be applying under labour mobility requirements which exempt you from needing to complete entry-to-practise examinations again, other than the Jurisprudence examination.

For more information about making an application as a registered ND in another Canadian jurisdiction, please contact the College at applications@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

16. What should I do if I am unsure whether my previous examination results are still valid?

Contact the College directly at exams@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

17. I resigned my registration and want to return to practice in Ontario. How does the exam transition affect me?

Your requirements will depend on your individual circumstances, such as whether any previous examination results remain valid or whether you are currently registered and practicing naturopathy in another Canadian jurisdiction. Individuals considering returning to practise in Ontario should contact the College to discuss their specific pathway and requirements.

18. Where can I find more information?

For information about Ontario requirements and examination transition, visit the College's Examination Transition webpage. This page includes key dates, and information for candidates.

For information about the CANRA-QE, including examination dates, fee schedules, and examination reference materials, please visit the CANRA website.

Questions about the transition or your College examination history can be sent to exams@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.