



# The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada

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## Le Bureau des examinateurs en pharmacie du Canada

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### PHARMACISTS AS ASSESSORS for the PEBC QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) invites you to consider participating as an assessor for the PEBC Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE).

Since 2001, the PEBC Qualifying Examination has consisted of two components: Part I, the multiple-choice question examination given in two half-day sessions, and Part II, a performance assessment, approximately 3 hours in length, given on a third day. Part II is practice-based and is modeled after a type of examination commonly known as the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). It is designed to assess communications/interpersonal skills, the application of knowledge to simulations of commonly encountered patient scenarios and other aspects of professional competence that do not lend well to written examinations. The competencies to be assessed through both the written and practice-based exams are those adopted (or adapted) by all member provinces of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA). More information can be found on the PEBC web site at <http://www.pebc.ca>.

It is particularly important that practicing pharmacists be involved in assessing candidates for licensure, in accordance with the needs of the public and the standards of the profession. Many who have been assessors in this type of examination process find that involvement as an assessor is both personally and professionally rewarding. If you have previously participated in another location, please fully complete the response form; indicating where and in what capacity you participated.

Although many return year after year there is always a need for new assessors. Each year, PEBC invites interested pharmacists who have been licensed in Canada for at least three years and are currently providing or directly supervising patient care services (including dispensing, clinical and/or drug information services) to apply as assessors for this examination. If you are interested in participating as an assessor in **Hamilton on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2010** or if you would like more information, please fully complete the Assessor response form and forward your response to Sheri Burns at Fax #: 905-528-7386 or call 905-522-1155 ext 35288.

The complete list of interested assessors is submitted for annual review by the licensing bodies, for confirmation that all assessors are members in good standing on an 'active' (patient care) register and are not under investigation.

**Please feel free to forward this invitation to a colleague you think may also be interested in participating.**

Sincerely,

Sheri Burns      on behalf of:  
Site Administrator

Cathy Burger  
Chief Examiner

David Cairncross  
Chief Administrator

## PEBC Assessor Recruitment Information and Response

Assessor qualifications are listed on the 'guidelines for selection of Assessors' found on the reverse. Assessors are trained prior to the examination, so it is not necessary to have experience as an assessor. The most important qualification is current practice experience (either performing or directly supervising patient care activities such as dispensing, clinical and drug information services).

The examination day is approximately 11 to 12 hours long (8:30am-7:30pm). An honorarium of \$385 is offered to assessors for the full day; in addition, travel expenses are reimbursed (at economy travel rates up to a maximum of \$75) with receipts and/or documented mileage. Please note, first time assessors are also required to attend a 2-hour pre-exam training session 2 weeks prior to the exam.

If you are interested in participating as an assessor please complete the following response section and fax it to Sheri Burns, Site Administrator at **905-528-7386** or you can reply via email at [sburns@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sburns@mcmaster.ca).

**This response is not considered to be a commitment or agreement to participate, but is an indication of your interest. You will be contacted by the Site Administrator to confirm your participation within 2-3 weeks of receipt of this form.**

### Response

Please check the appropriate YES or NO responses and provide the information requested:

YES	NO		
		I am interested in participating as an assessor for the PEBC Qualifying Examination –Part II (OSCE) on <b>Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b> .	
		I meet all qualifications listed on the next page.	
		I am currently involved in additional professional activities (in addition to my regular work), as follows (describe briefly if applicable):	
		I have a good friend or relative that is a candidate in the May 2010 examination	
		I have recently been involved OR I plan to be involved in a mock OSCE or preparatory exercise	
<b>Name (print):</b>		<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address &amp; Contact Information:</b>  _____ <i>Apt/Street</i>  _____ <i>City Province Postal Code</i>  (_____) _____ <i>Home Tel</i>  (_____) _____ <i>Work Tel Ext.</i>  _____ <i>E-mail</i>  _____ <i>Social Insurance Number</i>		<b>Current Workplace &amp; Address:</b>  _____ <i>Current Workplace</i>  _____ <i>Work Street Address</i>  _____ <i>Work City, Prov. &amp; Postal Code</i>	
		<b>Employment Setting:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
		<b>Registered as a Pharmacist in:</b> (province)	
		<b>Year Registered:</b>	<b>Diploma/Registration#:</b>

**Please mail, fax or e-mail your completed response to:** The Hamilton Exam Centre, Attn: Sheri Burns  
 105 Main St E Lvl P1, Hamilton ON L8N 1G6  
 Tel: (905) 522-1155 ext 35288 Fax: (905) 528-7386 E-mail: [sburns@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sburns@mcmaster.ca)

## PEBC Qualifying Examination – Part II (OSCE) Guidelines for the Selection of Assessors

### Objectives are to:

- Ensure that assessors have current practice experience in a patient care setting
- Ensure that assessors are well-trained to perform assessments
- Avoid perceived or unconscious conflict of interest (from the point of view of foreign candidates, students who are borderline, etc)
- Protect the security of the examination from unconscious or “good intentional” use of PEBC exam information in any manner other than for actual administration of the PEBC Qualifying Examination.

### Eligibility

#### Assessor Qualifications:

- Is a “member in good standing” of one or more provincial regulatory authorities.
- Has been fully licensed in a Canadian jurisdiction for at least the last three years
- Is not, or has not been in the past three years, a subject of disciplinary action or unresolved investigation by any pharmacy or other professional body.
- Currently practices in a patient care environment, providing or supervising patient-care services on a regular basis, either full- or part-time. Such services may include: dispensing, patient teaching, responding to patients’ requests, consulting with other health professionals regarding patients’ needs (e.g. drug information)
- Is willing to sign and comply with the assessor confidentiality, security, conflict of interest and code of conduct agreements.
- Is willing to participate on the basis of the offered service fee, and limited remuneration for travel and (not accommodation) as shown on the response form.
- Has no limitations that would impair the ability to accurately observe, record and assess candidates’ performance over a 10 to 12 hour period.

Preceptors in the practice setting (e.g., for structured practical training, internship and clerkship programs) and occasional teaching assistants in years 1 and 2 of the academic program would normally qualify as assessors.

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Pharmacists would NOT be eligible due to potential or perceived conflict of interest or bias if they were:

- Graduate students in the same faculty.
- A prospective candidate OR an immediate family member/close associate of a pharmacy student or of a candidate eligible to take the examination.
- Involved in the development of the curriculum for - or involved in the training/assessment of - practical/professional skills of *groups* of students (e.g. professional practice labs, or other small group sessions involving the use of standardized patients, role-playing scenarios or pharmacist to patient simulated interactions) in the third to final year of the undergraduate program.
- Involved in the development, review, administration or dissemination of practice exams, cases or preparatory courses or materials (designed to specifically prepare candidates for the examination) at any time during a three-year period from the time of participation in the PEBC Qualifying Examination - Part II (OSCE).