ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE EXAM (EPE) REGULATION



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1. AUTHORITY

1.1 This Regulation is enacted pursuant to sections 3.1, 14.1 and 18.1 of the By-law.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 In this Regulation, capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning as they do in the By-law.
- 2.2 In this Regulation:
 - (a) "Candidate" means an individual who registers or is registered to write the Entry-to-Practice Exam (EPE) [candidat].

3. **REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 Every person applying for licensing as an RCIC or RISIA shall pass the applicable EPE before being admitted as a Licensee.
- 3.2 A Candidate that fails to write a first attempt of the exam within one (1) year of registering shall be withdrawn as a Candidate.
- 3.3 The EPE application process, together with the supporting document requirements, shall be determined from time-to-time by the Registrar and published on the application website.

4. FREQUENCY AND LOCATIONS

- 4.1 The frequency of EPE-writing sessions, together with the dates set for each session, shall be determined from time-to-time by the Registrar.
- 4.2 Candidates shall attend EPE-writing sessions in-person at designated exam locations across Canada or virtually through remote proctoring facilities made available by the Council at the discretion of the Registrar.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Each Candidate shall pay a non-refundable application fee of \$75 at the time of submission of a completed application to write an EPE.
- 5.2 Each Candidate shall pay an exam fee of \$425 for the first attempt at writing an EPE. If unsuccessful, each Candidate shall pay an exam fee of \$325 for each subsequent attempt at writing an EPE.
- 5.3 The exam fee for a first attempt must be paid within 72 hours of the issued invoice. The exam fee for each subsequent attempt must be paid within 72 hours of the issued invoice.

- 5.4 A Candidate who schedules an EPE attempt but fails to appear or fails to appear on time, or appears but is unable to attempt the EPE, must pay a \$150 administrative fee prior to being reregistered for a future EPE writing session.
- 5.5 A Candidate who chooses to apply for a deferral of their originally intended exam date must submit the approved deferral form, along with the deferral fee of \$75.

6. DURATION AND WRITING TIME

- 6.1 The RCIC EPE shall be three (3) hours in duration.
- 6.2 The RISIA EPE shall be two (2) hours in duration.

7. PROOF OF IDENTITY ON EXAM DAY

- 7.1 On the day of their exam, Candidates taking an exam will be required to show the proctor the photo ID identical to that submitted to the Council with the electronic application.
- 7.2 A Candidate without the required original photo ID shall not be permitted to write the exam. They shall pay an administrative fee of \$150 to be registered to attempt the EPE at a future scheduled session.
- 7.3 Where applicable, Candidates taking an exam at an in-person exam centre will be required to provide a matching full-colour copy of the photo ID to the proctor.
- 7.4 A Candidate without the required full-colour copy of the photo ID shall not be permitted to write the exam. They shall pay an administrative fee of \$150 to be registered to attempt the EPE at a future scheduled session.

8. ETHICAL CONDUCT DURING THE EXAM

- 8.1 Unethical conduct will not be tolerated. Should a Candidate engage in such conduct, the Council may terminate a Candidate's participation in the EPE and invalidate such Candidate's EPE results. The following is considered unethical conduct:
 - (a) giving or receiving assistance in answering questions during the exam,
 - (b) giving or gaining access to questions before or after the exam,
 - (c) reproducing exam content in any manner, and/or,
 - (d) disclosing exam items to others before, during or after the exam.

9. RESULTS

9.1 The EPE pass mark shall be determined by the Bookmark method.

9.2 Results are given on a pass/fail basis only.

10. EXAM RE-WRITES

- 10.1 A Candidate who fails a first EPE attempt may register to re-write the exam, to a maximum of three (3) re-writes, at a future scheduled exam session upon payment of the appropriate fee for each re-write.
- 10.2 A Candidate who fails the first EPE attempt must re-write the exam within one (1) year of the date of the first EPE attempt or otherwise will be considered withdrawn as a Candidate.
- 10.3 A Candidate who fails a first EPE attempt must achieve a satisfactory (passing) result on a subsequent re-write attempt no later than 18 months following the date of the first EPE attempt or otherwise be considered withdrawn as a Candidate.
- 10.4 A Candidate who fails a fourth EPE attempt shall be withdrawn as a Candidate and may not make further EPE attempts until a waiting period of at least one (1) year following the date of writing the fourth EPE attempt has elapsed. Thereafter, an individual may re-enrol as a Candidate only after satisfying all admission requirements in force at the time of re-enrolment.
- 10.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Candidate who fails to pass the EPE after a fourth attempt may, at the discretion of the Registrar, be required to enrol in or re-enrol in and complete appropriate education courses or programs before being permitted to attempt the EPE again.