

List 1

Overview of the Parts and Components of the Medical Council of Canada's Qualifying Examination

Part I

A computer-based test that assesses the competence of candidates who have obtained their medical degree, for entry into supervised clinical practice in postgraduate training programs

- I a Knowledge (multiple choice questions)
- I b Clinical decision making (key features cases)

Part II

An objective structured clinical examination that assesses the competence of candidates, specifically the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for medical licensure in Canada, prior to entry into independent clinical practice

- II a Data gathering
- II b Problem solving, decision making
- II c Communication
- II d Cultural, legal, ethical, and organizational aspects of practice

Table 1

Average Number and Percentage of Practice Indicators Tested on Each Component of the 2008 and 2009 Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examinations*

Characteristic	Part I a Knowledge (162 questions/exam)	Part I b CDM (36 cases/exam)	Part II OSCE (12 cases/exam)
Total practice indicators tested per exam, no. (range)	32.2 (25-46)	18.4 (15-21.7)	9.8 (6-15)
Total questions/cases testing 1 or more practice indicator per exam, no. (% , range)	32 (20%, 15%-28%)	14 (39%, 36%-42%)	5.25 (44%, 25%-67%)
Total practice indicator points per exam, no. (% , range)	32 (20%, 15%-28%)	10.8 (30%, 29%-32%)	68.5 (5%, 1%-7%)
Percentage of practice indicator points for questions/cases testing 1 or more practice indicator, % (range)	99% (97%-100%)	78% (68%-88%)	10% (6%-14%)

*CDM indicates clinical decision making; OSCE, objective structured clinical examination.