



SC CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY POLICY Canadian Accredited Sonography Program Graduates

Canadian Clinical Skills Assessment (CCSA™) - the assessment is completed during the educational program. Repeats of the CCSA are at the discretion of the sonography program, due to the ability to accommodate clinical placements.

Written Examinations - Students in accredited programs may apply to take the Core exam prior to program completion, subject to Sonography Canada receiving written confirmation of the student's eligibility. Each program will independently determine when the student is eligible.

A graduate of an accredited sonography program must successfully complete all credentialing examinations within four years of program completion. A maximum of four (4) attempts of each of the Core, Cardiac or Vascular exams or any component of the Generalist exams is allowed. While the candidate has four years to complete the process, any application to write an examination, more than 18 months after program completion, requires one of the following as proof of clinical competency:

- documented and verifiable evidence that the applicant has worked at least 500 hours in the previous 12 months in the discipline of the credential; or
- successful repeat of the CCSA at an external assessment site.

Candidates who are unsuccessful after four (4) attempts of any one written exam, may apply to the Appeals and Discipline Committee for one further attempt. This attempt will only be allowed after proof of successful completion of pre-approved remediation.

Candidates who are unable to successfully complete the credentialing process within 4 years post-graduation, must then re-qualify by attending and graduating from an Accreditation Canada accredited sonography program. No credit for exams and CCSAs previously completed will be applied to any re-qualifying application.