

External Candidate Process
New Candidates

Generalist, Cardiac and Vascular:

- 1) Sonography Canada recognizes that sonographers outside of an Accreditation Canada accredited sonography program and sonographers immigrating to Canada should have the opportunity of qualifying for Canadian credentials. Sonography Canada provides the “external” pathway for these trained sonographers who have didactic and clinical training equivalent to that provided by an Accreditation Canada accredited diagnostic medical sonography program and who have at least 5 years of experience as a practicing sonographer. If pursuing a 2nd or 3rd Sonography Canada credential, 5 years of experience in the area is not required.
- 2) Candidates approved to proceed in the registration process must successfully complete all credentialing examinations and Canadian Clinical Skills Assessment (CCSA™) within four years of the date of Sonography Canada’s approval of the candidate’s External application. A maximum of four (4) attempts is allowed for all exams and the CCSA.
- 3) External Candidates who do not successfully complete the credentialing process within the 4 years of eligibility are not able to re-apply to pursue credentials through this pathway. The only way to re-qualify for Sonography Canada credentials is to attend and successfully complete an Accreditation Canada accredited sonography program. At that time, the candidate would fall under the policy for accredited sonography program graduates.
- 4) An approved External Candidate who does not attempt either credentialing aspect within the 4-year timeframe **AND** notifies Sonography Canada, in writing, to withdraw the application (the application fee is non-refundable) would be eligible to re-apply as an external candidate at a later date. The candidate would be required to re-submit an External Candidate application, pay associated fee, submit required documentation, and be assessed under the External Candidate criteria at that time.
- 5) Once the CCSA has been successfully completed the candidate will receive their Canadian registry credentials.

Please refer to the [Generalist, Cardiac and Vascular Algorithm](#).

Sonography Canada reserves the right to modify this process and related timeframes at any time without notice.