



SC CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY POLICY Other Candidates (External)

An individual who is not a graduate of a CMA/Accreditation Canada accredited diagnostic medical sonography program, may apply to qualify for Sonography Canada credential(s) through the External Candidate pathway. Each application is assessed on a case-by-case basis for eligibility to write the qualifying examinations and challenge the Canadian Clinical Skills Assessment™ (CCSA™). The minimum criteria are:

- relevant education and training equivalent to a CMA/Accreditation Canada accredited sonography program; and
- 5 years of sonography experience for initial credential (If pursuing an additional credential, a minimum of one (1) year of clinical training specific to the relevant credential).

Written Examinations and Canadian Clinical Skills Assessment (CCSA)

– External candidates applying for the Generalist (CRGS®), Cardiac (CRCS®) and/or Vascular (CRVS®) credential(s) must successfully complete all credentialing examinations (both written and the CCSA) within four years from the date of eligibility, with a maximum of four (4) attempts.

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.

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 a CMA/Accreditation Canada accredited sonography program. At that time, the candidate would fall under the policy for accredited sonography program graduates.

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.