

## SONOGRAPHY CANADA 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<sup>1</sup> of an accredited sonography program must successfully complete all credentialing examinations within four\* years of program completion date<sup>2</sup>. A maximum of four (4) attempts of each of the Generalist, Core, Cardiac or Vascular 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 discipline of the credential, within the previous 12 months; or
- successful repeat of the CCSA at an external assessment site.

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\*.

*\*In regulated jurisdictions, certification exam eligibility requirements indicated by the \* may be superseded by eligibility requirements of the provincial regulator. Candidates seeking employment in a regulated jurisdiction, who do not meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above, must consult with the relevant provincial regulator to seek approval to challenge the Sonography Canada exams.*

<sup>1</sup> Graduate is defined as a student who has successfully completed all program requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Program completion date is considered the last day of the month within which all program requirements are completed.