



## **CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION BLUEPRINTS**

Version NCP 7.0



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## Purpose of Examination Blueprints

As part of the requirements to obtain a Sonography Canada credential, candidates must successfully complete the Specialty Sonographer Examination(s) (Cardiac, Generalist and/or Vascular).

Each specialty examination has a separate Examination Blueprint. An Examination Blueprint is a detailed map for test creation that ensures that a test is valid, fair, and aligned with professional competencies. Sonography Canada Examination Blueprints are based on the Sonography Canada National Competency Profiles (NCP) and identify the competencies on which questions will be based (referred to as "examinable competencies"). As of January 2027, the content of each examination is based upon [NCP Version 7.0](#). Please refer to this document for additional information on the specific professional competencies tested in each specialty examination.

The Examination Blueprints below identify the approximate percentage of test questions for each competency in the NCP.

## How Should Candidates Use the Examination Blueprint?

Examination blueprints are intended to describe how the examination is constructed. They are not explicitly designed for study purposes, but they do provide valuable information about the exam content and its distribution. Candidates should refer to the relevant appendices in the NCP for a list of structures for each content area.



## Cardiac Sonographer Examination Blueprint

Cardiac Blueprint NCP 7.0	Approximate % of Exam
<b>1 COMMUNICATION</b>	1%
<b>2 PROFESSIONALISM</b>	6%
<b>3 ASSESSMENT AND IMAGING</b>	See 3.1 – 3.5
3.1 Examination Planning	18%
3.2 Operation of equipment	14%
3.3 Examination	38%
3.4 Related assessment techniques	4%
3.5 Technical analysis	13%
<b>4 SAFETY</b>	6%
	<b>100%</b>

\*\*Please refer to NCP 7.0 and Appendix E for the competencies, structures, and characteristics



## Generalist Sonographer Examination Blueprint

Generalist Blueprint NCP 7.0	Approximate % of Exam
<b>1 COMMUNICATION</b>	1%
<b>2 PROFESSIONALISM</b>	5%
<b>3 ASSESSMENT AND IMAGING</b>	See 3.1 – 3.5
3.1 Examination Planning	12%
3.2 Operation of equipment	15%
3.3 Examination	40%
3.4 Related assessment techniques	5%
3.5 Technical analysis	14%
<b>4 SAFETY</b>	8%
	<b>100%</b>

\*\*Please refer to NCP 7.0 and Appendix A-D for the competencies, structures, and characteristics



## Vascular Sonographer Examination Blueprint

Vascular Blueprint NCP 7.0	Approximate % of Exam
<b>1 COMMUNICATION</b>	1%
<b>2 PROFESSIONALISM</b>	5%
<b>3 ASSESSMENT AND IMAGING</b>	See 3.1 – 3.5
3.1 Examination Planning	18%
3.2 Operation of equipment	16%
3.3 Examination	37%
3.4 Related assessment techniques	6%
3.5 Technical analysis	11%
<b>4 SAFETY</b>	6%
	<b>100%</b>

\*\*Please refer to NCP 7.0 and Appendix F for the competencies, structures, and characteristics