

Updated data on test accommodations on the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam Part I, 2013-2021

Données actualisées des accommodements pour l'examen d'aptitude du Conseil médical du Canada, partie I, 2013-2021

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Our article “Prevalence of test accommodations for the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam Part I, 2013-2021”¹ was recently published in the Canadian Medical Education Journal. Prior to publication, data was unavailable for the number of test takers in the 2021 examination year thus preventing our team from computing percentages for that year. The Medical Council of Canada has recently released their 2021 Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam (MCCQE) Part I Annual Technical Report.² As such new data is available to provide further insight into the trend of accommodations on the MCCQE Part I.

The most recent available year's data has shown that in the 2021 year, 5,651 applicants took the MCCQE Part I.² Our data, sourced from the Medical Council of Canada, indicated that 126 applicants wrote the exam with test accommodations in 2021; thus, the percentage of applicants who wrote the MCCQE Part I in 2021 with test accommodations is 2.23%.¹ (Figure 1) The increasing linear trend of the percentage of applicants taking the MCCQE Part I with test accommodations has continued.

Revised prevalence estimates of disability among MCCQE Part 1 test-takers now range between 0.89% and 2.23% which remain below recent Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) Self-identification Questionnaire findings that suggest 5.1% of CaRMS applicants identify as having a visible or invisible disability.³ We continue to be concerned

that medical trainees with disabilities have poor access to test accommodations through the Medical Council of Canada.

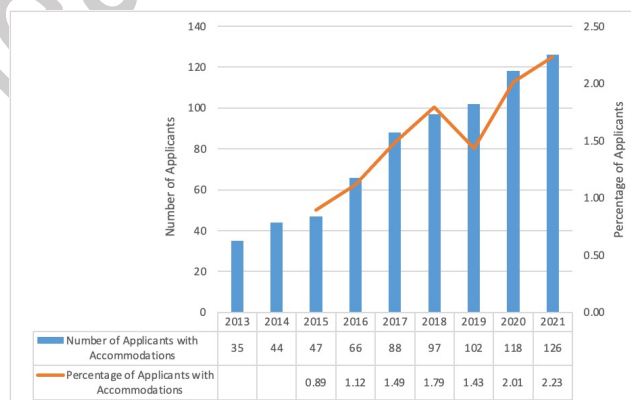


Figure 1. Test Accommodations for the MCCQE Part I, 2013-2021 (Revised)

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