

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS

Medical laboratory technologists perform laboratory procedures that help diagnose and treat disease. Medical laboratory technologists work in hospitals, private laboratories, community health clinics, public health facilities, university research labs, biotechnology companies and specialty labs such as in vitro fertilization.

Medical laboratory technology is a regulated profession.

To practise medical laboratory technology in Manitoba you must:

- have graduated from a medical laboratory technologist program approved by the Canadian Medical Association OR you must complete additional courses as indicated by the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science OR you must complete a full-time, CMA-accredited medical laboratory training program.
- be registered with the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba

You must complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Phone the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba and tell them you are an internationally educated lab tech and would like information on how to become licensed to practise in Manitoba.

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba
Helmut Friesen, Registrar
449 Provencher Boulevard
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2J 0B8
Phone: 204-231-0311
Fax: 204-790-2479
E-mail: helmut@cmltm.ca
Website: www.cmltm.ca

STEP 2: Contact the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science and tell them you are an internationally educated medical lab technologist and would like a prior-learning assessment so you can become licensed to work in Manitoba.

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science
Christine Nielson, Director, Certification
PO Box 2830, LCD 1
33 Wellington Street North
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3N8
Phone: 905-528-8642
Fax: 905-528-4968
E-mail: pla@csmls.org, christinen@csmls.org
Website: www.csmls.org

STEP 3: Complete the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science application form to obtain a prior-learning assessment.

You must submit the following:

- notarized copy of resident status
- notarized copy of professional certificate or licence from the country in which you worked*
- completed personal competency rating booklet
- proof of language proficiency if your education was not in English or French
- credential evaluation from an assessment service approved by the society
- official education transcripts*
- syllabus of studies or outlines and descriptions of course content studied*
- documentation of clinical education and apprenticeship training including official outline of scope and volume of testing performed*
- official transcripts and course outline for other relevant education*
- work experience letters from employers including detailed outline of responsibilities and tests performed*
- documentation of continuing education and professional development*
- application fee (\$549)

* If documents are not in English or French, notarized translations are required.

STEP 4: Complete any additional course work required by the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science.

STEP 5: Complete the national certification examination.

STEP 6: Complete the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba application form.

You must submit the following:

- copies of relevant degrees and certificates
- application fee (\$100)

STEP 7: When all requirements have been met and fees paid the college will register you and issue you a licence to practise as a medical laboratory technologist in Manitoba.

Other information

Annual college registration fee is \$200.


The national certification examination is offered in June, October and February in Winnipeg and other cities in Canada. The fee is \$450 to \$670.

If you have not written the exam yet, you may be eligible for a conditional licence permitting you to work under the supervision of a registered professional. You are expected to complete full registration within 14 months.

Beginning in 2012, you will be required to meet professional development requirements and a work experience requirement of 1,200 hours in the past five years.

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Useful website:

 immigratemanitoba.com: employment support for New Manitobans, programs to help you get licensed, learn English for work, and more information and resources