



Provincial Registration Exam - update

The Alberta College of Paramedics is implementing the Angoff method to establish pass scores for the multiple choice portion of all Provincial Registration Examinations. The Angoff method is widely accepted and commonly used throughout the credentialing industry to set pass scores.

As part of the Angoff process, panels of subject matter experts from across Alberta (comprised of registered practitioners and program educators) independently reviewed all multiple choice items in our item banks and rated each one based on in terms of minimally acceptable performance standards for practitioners who are practicing at EMR, EMT, or EMT-P level. In rating the items, subject matter experts considered a variety of factors to ensure that their ratings yielded valid and fair pass scores. As different items are used for each exam, different pass scores will result. The purpose of the Angoff process is to ensure that candidates will not be disadvantaged by taking a more difficult exam nor advantaged by taking an easier one.

Once a candidate completes the exam, the candidate's score for the multiple choice portion will be compared against the pass score. If the score is higher than or equal to the pass score, the candidate will be assigned a pass result. If the score is lower than the pass score, the candidate will be assigned a fail result.

Marking of the practical scenario portion of the exam has not changed. Candidates must pass both components of the exam in order to be eligible to register with the College.

The Angoff method will be implemented for all exams beginning with the May 14 EMR exam.

Council elections

The Alberta College of Paramedics will be holding Council elections as part of the 2010 Annual General Meeting taking place in Red Deer on May 28 and 29.

Profiles for all Council election candidates can be viewed on the College website.

If you are unable to attend the AGM in person you may wish to vote by proxy. Each registered practitioner attending the AGM may carry a maximum of six proxies. Proxy forms may be downloaded from the Annual General Meeting page.

EMS Chiefs of Canada Conference

The Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada is hosting its annual conference in Lake Louise, June 7-9, 2010. EMS practitioners from across the country are invited to attend. The conference titled 'A National Conversation' will focus on the integration of EMS into the health care environment. For more information and to register, please visit www.emscc.ca/2010.

Alberta EMS Golf Challenge

The 8th Annual Alberta EMS Golf Challenge hosted by the Guardian Ambulance Limited Staff Association will take place Thursday, July 15 at the Innisfail Golf and Country Club. For information and registration, e-mail guardianambulancesa@gmail.com.

We want to hear from you

Send your comments or questions to acp@collegeofparamedics.org, call us at 780-449-3114 or submit a question via the College website by clicking on the 'Ask the College' button located on the homepage.