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**Memorandum  
to:**

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**Subject:**

Extension for Mathematics  
Proficiency Test and Request  
to Share with Potential Test  
Takers

We are writing to communicate the Ministry of Education's intention to extend the current deadline to fulfill the Math Proficiency Test (MPT) condition from August 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for Ontario-trained teacher candidates applying to the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) for certification and OCT members with a condition to complete the MPT.

As you know, the introduction of public health restrictions and the closure of testing centres to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in delayed implementation of the MPT, which is a requirement for certification by the OCT. We understand that this delay has resulted in concerns about meeting the August 31, 2021 deadline for some teacher candidates applying to the OCT for certification and the OCT members with a condition to complete the MPT.

To ease these concerns, the ministry intends to provide additional time for individuals who must pass the MPT to meet the certification requirement. Ontario-trained teacher candidates applying to the OCT for certification and OCT members with a condition to complete the MPT by August 31, 2021, would have until December 31, 2021 to fulfill the MPT condition. This extension would provide more time for teacher candidates and existing teachers to take the test and would reduce barriers for new or existing teachers to begin or continue teaching in the fall.

This approach responds to the emergency measures put in place due to COVID-19, while maintaining the government's commitment to implement the MPT for applicants to the OCT.

We ask that faculties of education share this information with teacher candidates as soon as possible. Similarly, we ask that the OCT share this information with holders of conditional or temporary certificate of qualification and registration. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and the OCT are also asked to update their respective websites accordingly.

Once finalized, further information about the extended test window would be available on the MPT website at <https://mathproficiencytest.ca>.

The ministry recognizes that this is an unprecedented time for teacher candidates, faculties of education and the wider education sector. This testing plan will support test takers by providing equitable access and multiple opportunities to complete the test successfully.

For more information about how the government is supporting people, businesses and families during COVID-19, please visit [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus).

Your continued support and collaboration are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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