

There has been a significant change in the national CSMLS Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) certification process that will impact our field.

For over 85 years, CSMLS has been responsible for certifying medical laboratory technologists across Canada. Throughout this time, we've established a rigorous examination process that aligns with national standards, helping to develop some of the most competent, safe, and ethical medical laboratory professionals in the world. We take great pride in the role we've played in advancing the profession.

Recently, the Canadian Alliance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Regulators (CAMLPR) has decided to assume delivery of the examination and prior learning assessment services.

Here are the key dates you need to be aware of:

- November 1, 2025: All internationally educated MLTs and non-traditionally educated applicants will be required to apply through the CAMLPR Flexible Pathways website. CAMLPR will conduct their prior learning assessments using their competency profiles, and applicants will need to complete the CAMLPR Flexible Pathways assessments/exams.
- March 1, 2026: All applicants, including those educated domestically and internationally, will be required to apply through the CAMLPR Flexible Pathways and complete the associated assessments/exams.

At this time, CSMLS does not have specific details about CAMLPR's new process, including exact dates, formats, or other pertinent information. CSMLS anticipates CAMLPR will provide more information soon. We also don't know how this change will affect the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, or the Territories (the Alberta MLT regulator is not a member of CAMLPR, and BC and the Territories are not provincially regulated).

For CSMLS certified MLT and MLA members, this change does not affect your current certification. Your qualification remains in good standing, as you have already met the necessary requirements for employment in the Canadian medical laboratory profession. If you are a current student or educator and have questions about these changes or the dates outlined above, please contact CAMLPR directly at info@camlpr.org.

For the overall health of our profession, we wish CAMLPR success in their new endeavours. We will do our best to keep you informed as this process evolves.

As always, **CSMLS will continue as the national professional association**, the voice of the profession in government advocacy, and will support and nurture our members by providing community, continuing education and much more.