



Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists

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Over the past year, the CSCT has had to make a few changes when it comes to the delivery of our National Certification Exam. At the beginning of 2020, when COVID-19 was just starting to ramp up in Canada, our April exam was postponed due to the uncertainty and ever-changing global pandemic. After postponing the exam once already, we made the decision to adapt our exam delivery from an in-person proctored exam at a testing centre to a virtually proctored exam from here on out. We made this adjustment through our exam delivery company, Yardstick and their sister company, ProctorU.

The CSCT Certification Exam will still be offered twice a year in April and September. Candidates will still apply and pay their exam fee through the CSCT website. Once their information is provided to Yardstick, the candidates are able to book their own exam time-slot on the designated exam dates. The integrity of our exam still remains in tact as each virtual proctor secures the exam space by completing a room scan via webcam, confirming the candidate's identity through government issued photo ID and supervising the candidates for the duration of their exam sitting.

Our first virtually proctored exam took place in August 2020 with **131** candidates challenging the exam. There were **105** first time writers with **86** passing and **26** rewriters with **6** passing. We also postponed what would have been the September 2020 exam to November which allowed any unsuccessful candidates from the August sitting the opportunity to challenge the exam again in 2020 without having to wait until April 2021. The November 2020 exam had **74** candidates challenging the exam. There were **49** first time writers with **47** passing and **25** rewriters with **21** passing.

August 2020 Exam	
First time: 105	Passed: 86
Rewrite: 26	Passed: 6
November 2020 Exam	
First time: 49	Passed: 47
Rewrite: 25	Passed: 21

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Coffey, RCT
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