

Notice to members of the PSB members and Candidate members of the Provincial or Territorial Institutes or Associations:

The Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada (PSB) is pleased to announce the launch of a new Professional Examination format. After careful consideration, the PSB has made the decision to administer a multiple choice exam. The first sitting under the new format will take place on Monday, September 26, 2016 and is taking place at the Radisson Hotel East 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, ON M2J 4R1 on September 26th at 9am Eastern Time. (Those west of Ontario may write at a different time, which will be confirmed upon registration by the PSB)

It will, as it has to date, examine enabling competencies, not functional competencies. Though no longer in long-written format, the question bank has been designed to allow Candidates to use their thought processes and ability to integrate theory and past experience into future practice. Please be assured the exam will maintain its rigour and continue to require significant preparation. The new format will also allow for a quicker turn-around time for marking, expediting the process of delivering results to candidates.

The examination will be administered online, and so we ask that candidates bring a reliable laptop and charger with them to their exam sitting. Details about accessing the examination will be given via email to those who register for the exam through email.

[The Professional Examination Preparation Package](#) will still be available, and is still the recommended way to effectively prepare for the test.

The exam will continue to cover questions in the following three areas:

- Public Interest
- Ethics
- Professionalism

Candidates must still achieve a score of 80% on this Examination for it to be considered a pass. As in previous practice, a candidate may retake the Professional exam up to three times (this includes any previous attempts) if they do not pass the first or second time. We require separate payment for each attempt. The candidate would need to wait until the following exam sitting to retake the test, which take place bi-annually in the spring and the fall.

The new exam questions are currently in the process of being vetted by a number of professional planners. This is to ensure fairness, clarity and relevancy to the certification process.

Information regarding exam writing times and locations will be updated under the [Professional Exam](#) page of the PSB website.

A recap of the important points:

- PSB will be administering the Professional Examination in multiple choice format; Candidates are no longer able to write the written format of the exam, effectively immediately.
- The exam will maintain the same standard as before, requiring significant preparation as well as a minimum of an 80% to pass the exam. You may attempt the final exam up to three times should you not succeed on your first two attempts.
- The fall deadline to apply for the next examination sitting is September 16, 2016. The application can be found [here](#).

Any other details can be found on the [PSB website](#). Please direct all inquiries related to the Professional Examination to Taylor Weinstein, Operations Manager, at operations@psb-planningcanada.ca or by phone at 647.317.6924 x204.