



Statement on Postponed National Certification Examination (NCE)

May 14, 2021

The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) and the Canadian Board of Certification for Athletic Therapy (CBoCAT) are committed to the ongoing development and certification of Athletic Therapists through the administration of the National Certification Examination (NCE). On May 11, 2021, we announced the NCE scheduled for June 2021 had been postponed. Bound by both federal and provincial regulations, we were prohibited from offering this exam as planned. Be assured we exhausted all other options before making the difficult decision to postpone the next sitting to November 2021.

We recognize the ongoing pandemic presents challenges to our members and we sympathize with those who have been waiting for the opportunity to sit for the NCE. While the COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented situation that impacts us all, we hear the concerns of our certification candidates wishing to take this necessary step towards certification. While we have been forced to postpone the June exam to November 2021, the option to take the NCE online should arrive in 2022. While this option will have a higher fee, it will enable further flexibility in sitting the exam for all certification candidates.

The Provisional Certification status was created to help certification candidates seek employment and treat as Provisionally Certified Athletic Therapists under the guidance of a mentor while waiting to write the NCE. The Provisional Certification status has the same rights, scope of practice and is bound by the ethical standards of a Certified Athletic Therapist. The Provisional Certification status is open to all certification candidates who meet the requirements and apply. A list of practicing Certified Athletic Therapists who may serve as mentors is available on our website under “Find a therapist”. In addition, we are preparing a letter explaining Provisional Certification status to provide to potential employers to assist in job searches. Exam fee refunds are available for those interested and who do not wish to retain Provisional Certification status.

We thank all our members for their ongoing understanding and support as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

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