



Medical Laboratory Professionals' Association of Ontario
L'Association des professionnels des laboratoires médicaux de l'Ontario



MLPAO Education Bulletin

Dear Members,

Recently, the MLPAO has received inquiries regarding phlebotomy certification for MLA/Ts and we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with accurate information.

Successful completion of the MLPAO Certification Exam confirms that an MLA/T has attained a recognized level of standards and training. MLA/Ts who have passed the MLPAO exam are fully certified to perform phlebotomy and have met the required standards for entry to practice. Additional certification in phlebotomy is not required.

The MLA/T requirements for phlebotomy are outlined in the [MLPAO MLA/T Competency Guidelines](#).

Employers should periodically assess the competence of MLA/Ts performing phlebotomy to ensure that they continue to meet the required standards of practice and follow organizational standard operating procedures.

If you are contacted by vendors indicating that additional certification in phlebotomy is required, we advise you to be cautious as this is not required.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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