

**General Information - Out-of-Province Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) for
Medical Laboratory Assistant/Technicians (MLA/T)**

Purpose

The MLPAO out-of-province prior learning assessment (PLA) process is designed for candidates who are interested in working as Medical Laboratory Assistant/Technicians in Canada, outside of Ontario.

The PLA process is available to Internationally Educated Medical Laboratory Technologists (IEMLT) and other candidates with recent laboratory experience who are interested in working as an MLA/T in Canada, outside of Ontario.

The PLA process **assesses the academic credentials and work experience** of candidates to determine whether they would be eligible to meet the entry level qualifications to work as an MLA/T outside of Ontario.

NOTE: *The PLA process **does not** determine a candidate's eligibility to write the MLPAO Certification exam. Candidates who have graduated from a formal MLA/T program in Canada (outside of Ontario) or with qualifications from outside of Canada, and are interested in writing the MLPAO certification exam must apply through the [Special Consideration](#) process.*

Required Documentation

The PLA includes an assessment of academic credentials and work experience. All applicants are required to submit the following for assessment:

1. MLPAO Out-of-Province PLA Application Form
2. An academic credentials assessment must be provided by all applicants who received their education outside of Canada. For the list of approved academic credential assessment services - [CLICK HERE](#)
3. [PLA Experience Verification Form](#) – Experience that includes a minimum of 20 successful phlebotomy procedures within the past 12 months, ECG experience (preferred), and 80 hours of practical experience in a licensed clinical laboratory. This form must be signed by the laboratory director, supervisor, or delegate as proof of completion.
4. Current resume
5. Letter from your current and/or past employer(s) stating the position held, length of time in the position and a list of duties performed. A “Record of Employment” (ROE) and/or contract agreements will not be accepted.
6. A copy of all certificates, diplomas, degrees, transcripts, and course outlines (if available) from education completed in the science field.

How to Send Supporting Documentation

Email all scanned documents or photos of documents to mlpao@mlpao.org with “Prior Learning Assessment Documents” in the subject line of the email.



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Prior Learning Assessment Fee

MLA/T PLA fee is \$225 + HST and is payable on our website shop - <https://www.mlpa.org/shop>

Document Review

Review and assessment of documents will take place once all required documentation has been received by the MLPAO and the fee has been paid.

Applicants will be notified of the PLA results within one month of receipt of all documentation.