

CAMLPR, pick your path.

A visual application guide for Canadian-educated
and internationally educated MLT candidates



Your education and exam history choose the route - not your passport.

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ROUTE OVERVIEW

Two doors. One professional destination.

Start with where you studied, when you entered the exam process and where you want to register.



PATHWAY A

Canadian educated

Best fit when:

- ✓ You completed a CAMLPR-approved Canadian MLT program
- ✓ You are inside the recent-graduate exam window
- ✓ You have not already passed an eligible CSMLS exam

\$1,195

\$175 account + \$1,020 exam before tax; example only



PATHWAY B

PLA required

Best fit when:

- ✓ Your MLT education was completed outside Canada
- ✓ Your education is related but non-traditional
- ✓ Your Canadian graduate exam window has passed

\$2,095

\$175 + \$900 PLA + \$1,020 exam before tax; example only



PASSPORT IS NOT THE PATHWAY

A Canadian citizen educated abroad is still internationally educated for this process. An international student graduating from an approved Canadian program may qualify for Pathway A.



This guide is for MLTs

For MLT applicants under NOC 32120 - not the MLA or laboratory-assistant route.



Already passed CSMLS?

Contact the regulator where you plan to work before opening a new CAMLPR account.

ROUTE FINDER

Answer these before paying the \$175

Use this as a first-pass map. Your live portal, transition case and destination regulator remain the final word.

1

Are you applying as an MLT under NOC 32120?

YES continue

NO not this route

2

Is your destination a CAMLPR route for your field?

YES continue

NO Quebec / Alberta check

3

Have you already passed an eligible CSMLS competency exam?

YES contact regulator

NO continue / transition

4

Recent approved Canadian MLT program + first exam inside 24 months?

YES Pathway A

NO Pathway B

5

Already registered or practising as an MLT in Canada?

YES regulator / employer

NO follow chosen path

DESTINATION SHORTCUTS

QUEBEC

Contact OPTMQ. Do not open a Flexible Pathways account.

ALBERTA

CMLTA handles the five general fields; CAMLPR handles Clinical Genetics and Diagnostic Cytology.

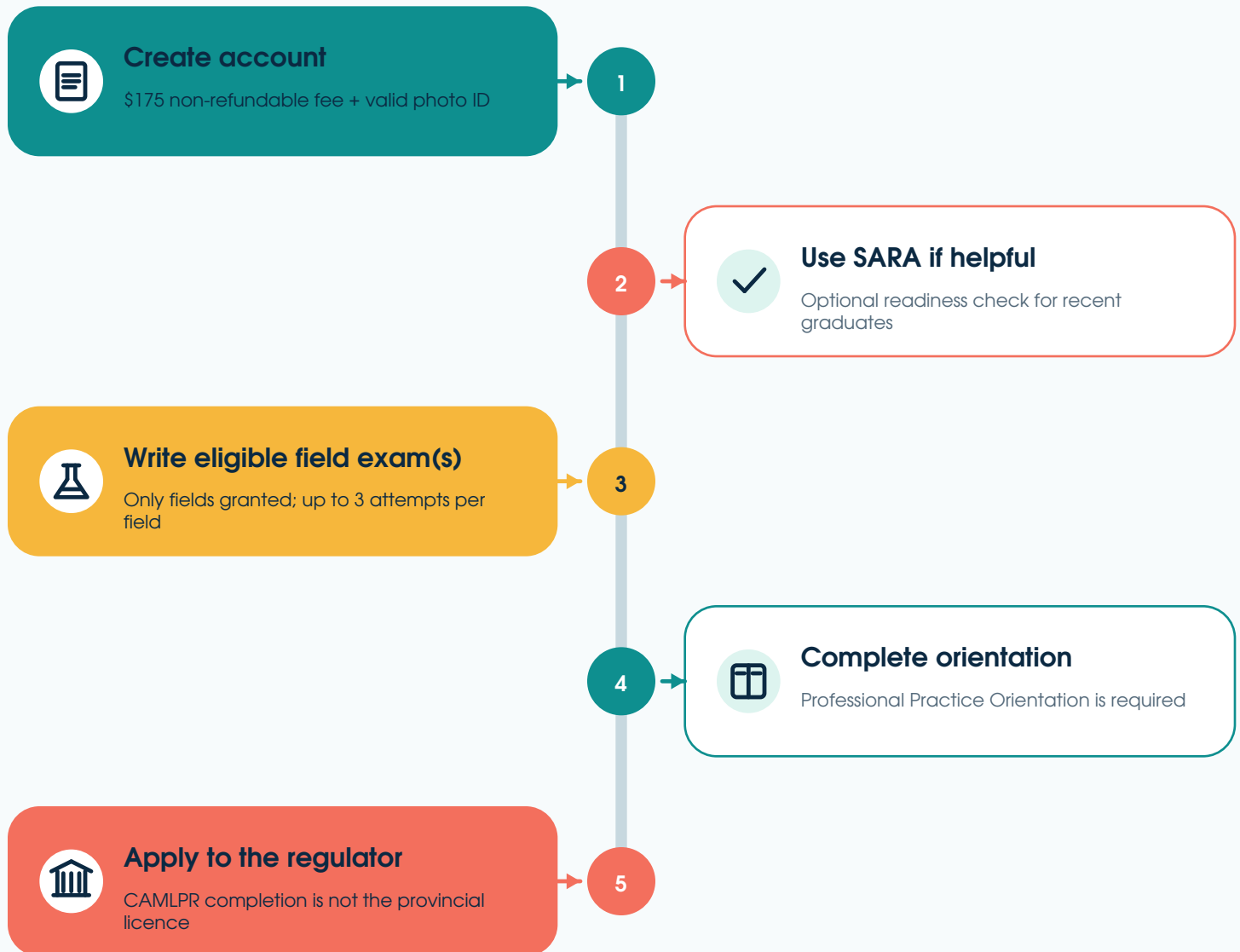
CSMLS TRANSITION

Read the transition instructions before creating a duplicate application.

PATHWAY A

Canadian-educated applicant pathway

For recent graduates of a CAMLPR-approved Canadian MLT program who meet the exam-timing requirements.



THE TWO CLOCKS

24 MONTHS

Miss the first national exam window after a Canadian program and you move to Pathway B.

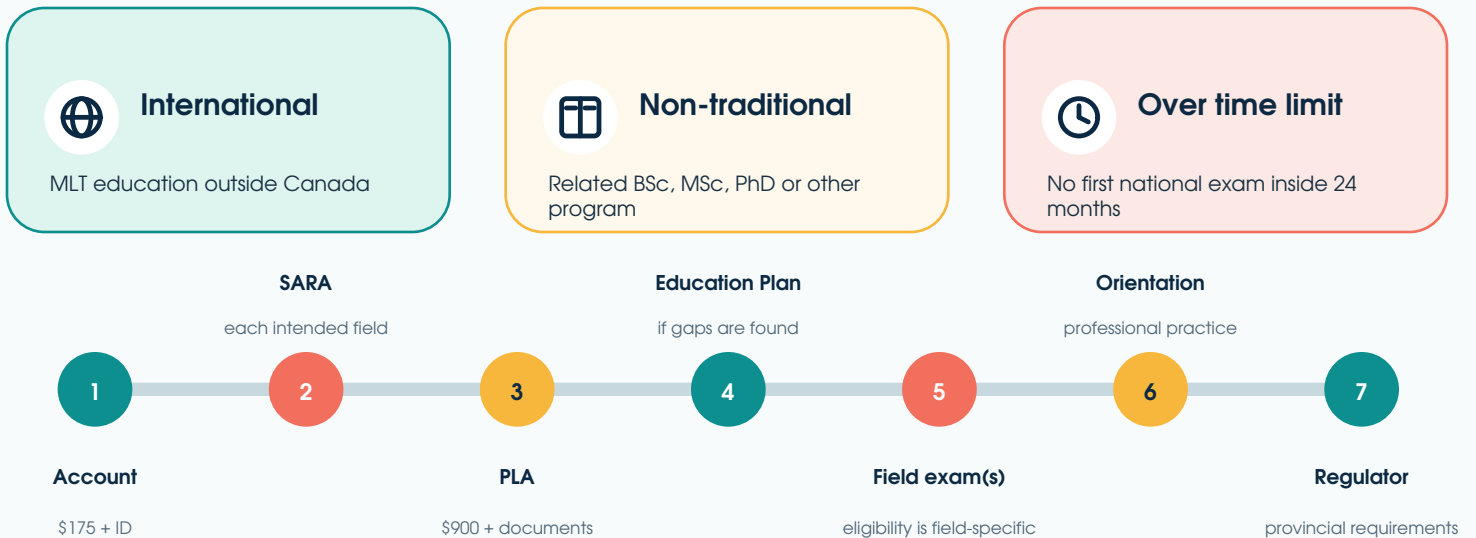
PORTAL EXPIRY

Exam eligibility is time-limited. Confirm expiry dates and remaining attempts in the portal.

PATHWAY B

Prior Learning Assessment pathway

For internationally educated, non-traditionally educated and out-of-window Canadian applicants.



PLA is field-specific

You may become eligible in some fields before others. If gaps are assigned, complete the Education Plan before exam eligibility in that field.

Recency: choose one route

Recent coursework and clinical education within five years, or at least 1,200 hours of MLT practice in the last five years.

EXAMPLE TOTAL

\$175 + **\$900** + **\$1,020** = **\$2,095**

ACCOUNT PLA GENERAL EXAM BEFORE TAX

PLA DOCUMENTS

Documents move in two lanes

Third-party records must come from the source, so request them early.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



WES Course-by-Course ICAP

Select CAMLPR as recipient and follow the current delivery instructions.

DIRECT FROM THIRD PARTY



Credential evaluation

WES / SCHOOL

Mandatory for international education



Clinical education

SCHOOL / LAB

Needed outside an approved program



Employment

EMPLOYER

When work supports recency



Regulatory standing

REGULATOR

If previously registered or licensed



Language proof

TEST ORGANIZATION

When language must be demonstrated



Official verification

ISSUING SOURCE

Use your CAMLPR ID when requested

YOU UPLOAD



ID + confirmation notices

Government photo ID must show the required identity details. Upload proof that requested external records are on the way when the portal asks.



CV + translations

Your CV should show MLT duties and academic history. Non-English/French records need the original plus an accepted professional translation.

FEES

Compare the two example budgets

Fees are in Canadian dollars before tax and were checked September 15, 2026.

PATHWAY A

\$1,195

\$175 account + \$1,020 exam

EXAMPLE BEFORE TAX

PATHWAY B

\$2,095

\$175 + \$900 PLA + \$1,020 exam

EXAMPLE BEFORE TAX

EXAM MENU

Single field

\$490

Cytology

\$630

Clinical Genetics

\$630

Core Laboratory

\$780

Diagnostic
Cytology

\$780

Core Lab + Micro

\$925

MLT General

\$1,020

EXTRAS OUTSIDE THE EXAMPLE

WES

LANGUAGE TEST

TRANSCRIPTS

TRANSLATION

PROVINCIAL FEE

TRAVEL

RESCHEDULING

APPEAL



Pay only after your route is clear

Fees may be non-refundable. Confirm current tax, refund terms and exam bundle before paying.

camlpr.org/become-an-mlt/application-fees/

TIMING

Why there is no honest one-size timeline

Documents, gaps, exam sessions and regulators each change the clock.

1

Documents

WEEKS TO MONTHS

Schools, employers, WES, testing and official letters

2

PLA review

SEVERAL WEEKS

The review clock starts after the file is complete

3

Education Plan

MONTHS TO YEARS

Only if gaps require courses, bridging or clinical education

4

Exam + regulator

VARIES BY SESSION

Scheduling and provincial processing add their own time



Start the slow documents first.

A clean, complete file is the part of the timeline you can influence most.

JURISDICTIONS

Where CAMLPR fits across Canada

Always verify the live route for your exact province or territory and field before paying.



CAMLPR + regulator

MB / NB / NL / NS / ON / PEI / SK

Complete CAMLPR, then apply to the provincial regulator for registration.



CAMLPR route

BC / NT / NU / YT

These are unregulated jurisdictions; confirm employer and local requirements after CAMLPR.



Alberta is split

CHECK YOUR FIELD

CAMLPR: Clinical Genetics + Diagnostic Cytology. CMLTA: Chemistry, Hematology, Transfusion, Microbiology + Histology.



Quebec

CONTACT OPTMQ

Do not create a CAMLPR Flexible Pathways account for the Quebec route.

FINAL HANDOFF

1

2

3

4

CAMLPR

ORIENTATION

REGULATOR

REGISTERED

assessment + exam

professional practice

provincial application

then employer steps

SAVE THIS PAGE

Before you submit or pay

Use the checklist, then scan the official pages for current details.



Confirm MLT, not MLA route



Order WES ICAP if required



Choose province + field



Meet language requirements



Check CSMLS transition status



Check portal expiry + attempts



Select Pathway A or B



Budget for external costs



Confirm direct-source documents



Plan the regulator handoff

SCAN THE OFFICIAL SOURCE



Account + route



Canadian route



PLA route

Independent guide - not CAMLPR advice

Policies, fees, exam delivery and jurisdiction rules can change. Official CAMLPR and regulator information always overrides this guide. Not legal or immigration advice.

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