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CAMLPR, but make it **clear.**

FAQ + pathway for internationally educated
medical laboratory technology candidates

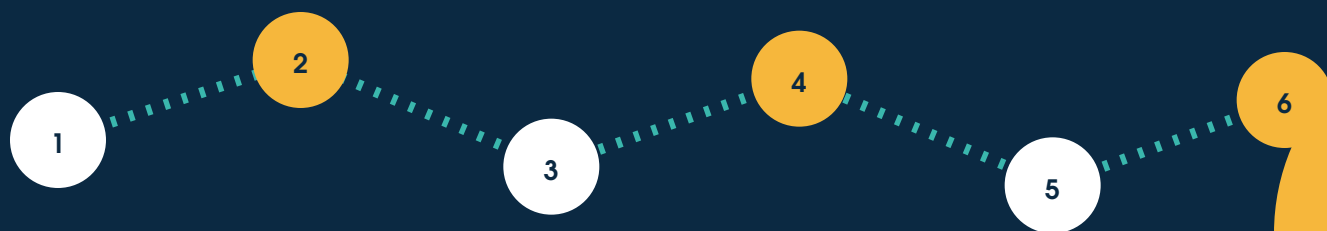
DOCUMENTS

PLA

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FEES

REGISTER



From first login to provincial registration - with the confusing bits translated into normal language.

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START HERE

Which door is yours?

Pick the place you want to register first. Your route depends on the jurisdiction and field - not only where you live today.



Where do you plan to register?



CAMLPR route

A PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION AND FIELD

Use the CAMLPR account, assessment and exam pathway.



Quebec

A SEPARATE ROUTE

Quebec uses its own process. Do not assume CAMLPR is the entry point.



Alberta

CHECK THE FIELD

The route can be field-specific. Confirm the live pathway before paying.



Am I internationally educated?

If your qualifying MLT education was completed outside Canada, this guide is for you - even if you are now a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Non-traditional education routes may also enter the PLA stream.



Can I begin before I move to Canada?

You can start document planning and parts of the application from abroad. Immigration, work authorization and entry to Canada are separate processes. Later exam sessions may require you to be in Canada.

FASTEST SAFE MOVE

Check the live route **before** creating accounts, ordering WES, or paying.

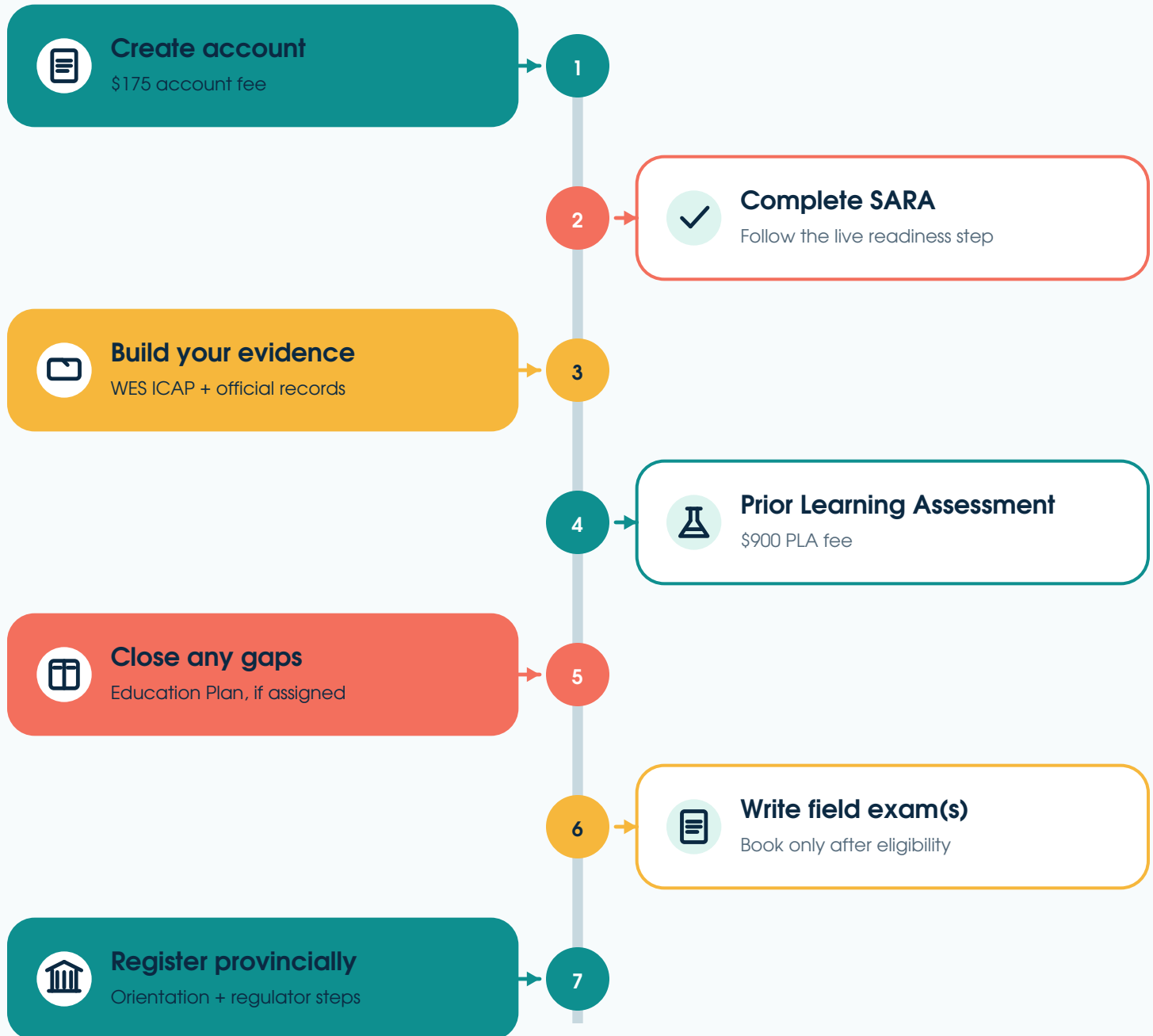
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THE PATHWAY

Seven stops. One clear route.

Your PLA result decides whether you go to exams or complete an Education Plan first.



Old CSMLS file? Use the CAMLPR transition guide before creating a duplicate application. The provincial regulator still grants the licence.

DOCUMENTS

WES, records and who sends what

Slowdowns often come from the wrong assessment, document source or translation package.



THE WES RULE

Order a **Course-by-Course ICAP** report

Not Basic. Not Document-by-Document. Select CAMLPR as the recipient and follow the live WES/CAMLPR instructions.

WHO SENDS IT?

YOU

- identity and name-change records
- translations and translator details
- applicant-supplied items allowed by the portal
- payment and declarations



THIRD PARTY

- WES credential assessment
- education and clinical verification
- employment verification
- any record marked 'direct from source'

Translation recipe

Submit the original-language record plus a certified English or French translation and the required translator information. A translation does not replace the original.

Records are hard to get?

Alternative evidence may be considered in some situations. Contact CAMLPR before substituting documents so you know what can actually be assessed.

Portal labels win: if CAMLPR says a document must come directly from the source, a copy emailed by you may not count as official.

WORK + REGENCY

Two ways to show you are current

Recency means recent training or practice - separate from substantial equivalency.

MEET REGENCY THROUGH



EDUCATION ROUTE

Coursework **and** clinical education completed within the past **5 years**.



PRACTICE ROUTE

At least **1,200 MLT practice hours** within the past **5 years**.

THE FIVE-YEAR WINDOW



-5Y



-4Y



-3Y



-2Y



-1Y



TODAY



Practicum is not employment

Clinical education belongs in your training evidence. Paid work belongs in employment evidence. Do not count practicum hours as employment hours unless CAMLPR explicitly directs you to do so.



A useful employer letter shows

Dates, total or average hours, field(s) of practice, duties and an identifiable official source or contact. Generic 'worked as an MLT' letters may not prove enough.

FAQ

Can work experience replace missing clinical training?

PLA reviews the full evidence package. Work history can be relevant, but it does not automatically erase a gap in required education or clinical exposure.

LANGUAGE

Four myths to retire right now

Language is an eligibility gate. Check the current CAMLPR Language Proficiency Policy I-03 before you book a test or send scores.

MYTH 01

My degree was taught in English, so I am exempt.

FACT

A foreign English- or French-language degree does not, by itself, satisfy the CAMLPR requirement.

MYTH 02

WES can confirm my language of instruction.

FACT

CAMLPR does not accept a WES language-of-instruction statement as proof.

MYTH 03

I can deal with language after the exam.

FACT

You must meet the language requirement before you become eligible for the field exam(s).

MYTH 04

My test score lasts forever.

FACT

CAMLPR must receive the test result within two years of the test date.



YOUR MOVE

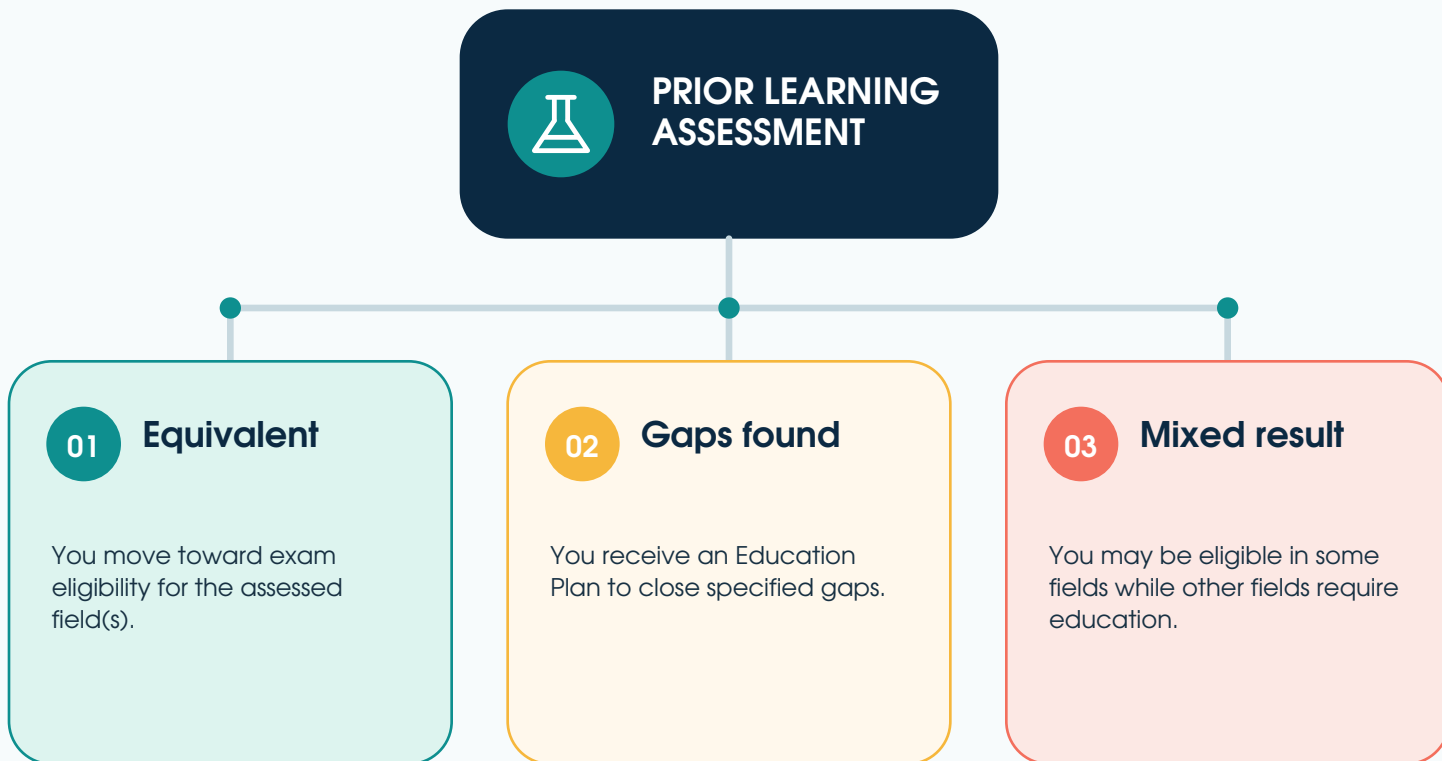
Open the live policy before booking.

Accepted tests, score minimums and delivery instructions can change. Follow the policy and arrange official score delivery exactly as required.

[CAMLPR policies and language requirements](#)

One assessment. Three possible directions.

PLA compares your evidence with Canadian entry-to-practice requirements.



What does 'substantially equivalent' mean?

Comparable enough to the Canadian standard across required competencies. It does not mean your curriculum must be identical course-for-course.



Is PLA an exam?

No. It is an evidence-based assessment. The field exam comes later, after CAMLPR confirms eligibility.

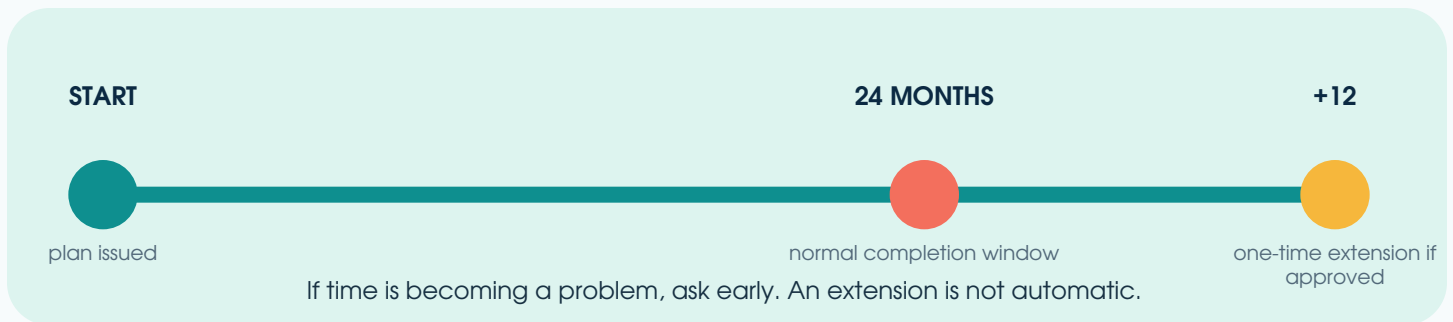
Think field-by-field. A strong result in one discipline does not automatically create eligibility in every other discipline.

AFTER PLA

Education Plans + appeals, decoded

Education Plans close gaps; appeals challenge or update a decision.

EDUCATION PLAN CLOCK



TWO APPEAL LANES

RECONSIDERATION

\$300

Target: **30 business days**

New documents: **not accepted**

Use when you believe the existing evidence or decision should be reviewed.

REASSESSMENT

\$900

Target: **45-60 business days**

New documents: **accepted**

Use when you have new evidence that was not part of the original assessment.



30-DAY DECISION WINDOW

Submit the appeal request within 30 days of the decision.

Use the instructions in your decision notice and verify current fees and timelines.

EXAMS

Know the clock before you book

Eligibility comes after PLA and language requirements are met.

OCTOBER 2026 UPDATE



Remote proctoring is suspended beginning October 2026.

Current sessions are delivered at in-person test centres, with candidates in Canada. Confirm the location rules for your specific session.

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ATTEMPTS PER FIELD

within 12 months

60

QUESTIONS

60 minutes per field

120

CYTOLOGY QUESTIONS

120 minutes



What if I pass part of a bundle?

A passed field component can remain passed while you retake the failed field(s), subject to the current rules and your result notice.



Does CAMLPR sell a study guide?

CAMLPR does not offer an official study guide or paid practice exam. Use the official competency profiles, exam weightings and sample resources.

PREP FROM THE BLUEPRINT

Competency profiles • field weightings • DACUM / official samples

English/French options are shown in registration. Check availability, scheduling and test-centre details before travel.
camlpr.org/become-an-mlt/fields-of-practice-exams/

FEES

Build the budget before you click pay

Fees checked September 15, 2026. Taxes and outside costs may apply.

A COMMON GENERAL-MLT PATH

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \$175 & + & \$900 & + & \$1,020 & = & \$2,095 \\
 \text{ACCOUNT} & & \text{PLA} & & \text{GENERAL EXAM} & & \text{BEFORE TAX}
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EXAM FEES

Single field

\$490

Cytology

\$630

Clinical Genetics

\$630

Core Laboratory

\$780

Diagnostic
Cytology

\$780

Core Lab + Micro

\$925

General MLT

\$1,020

BUDGET FOR THE EXTRAS

WES

LANGUAGE TEST

TRANSLATION

COURIER

EDUCATION PLAN

EXAM TRAVEL

PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION



Fees may be non-refundable

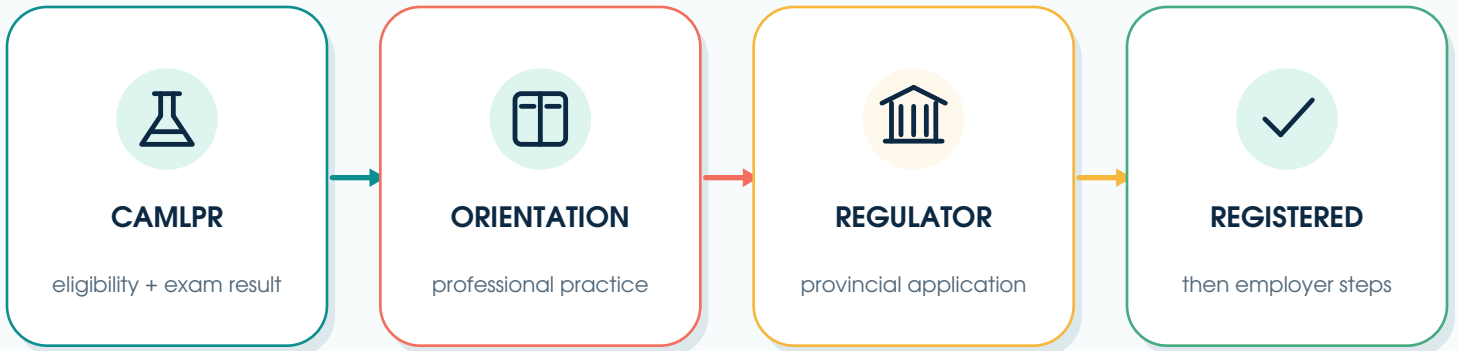
Check the current amount, tax and refund terms before every payment.

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REGISTRATION

Passing is huge. It is not the final licence.

CAMLPR manages assessment and exam steps. The provincial regulator decides whether you may practise in that province.



Can I work right after passing?

Not automatically. Complete the mandatory Professional Practice Orientation and every requirement of the regulator for the province where you plan to practise.



Does CAMLPR handle immigration?

No. Immigration status, work authorization and entry to Canada are separate from assessment, exam eligibility and professional registration.

BEFORE YOU APPLY TO A REGULATOR

- ✓ Confirm your field and jurisdiction route
- ✓ Finish CAMLPR requirements and orientation
- ✓ Read the regulator's own document list
- ✓ Budget for separate registration costs
- ✓ Confirm when you may legally use the title

SAVE THIS PAGE

Your international-candidate checklist

Plan with this list, then confirm every item in your portal and current policies.



Choose jurisdiction + field



Prepare translations



Check current route



Meet language policy



Create CAMLPR account



Complete PLA / Education Plan



Order WES ICAP



Book eligible exam(s)



Arrange official documents

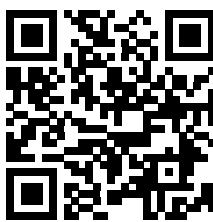


Finish orientation + regulator

SCAN THE OFFICIAL SOURCE



International route



Live fees



Exam updates

Independent guide - not CAMLPR advice

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

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