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### **CMLTM Council Decision Regarding Remotely Proctored Testing (RPT) of the CSMLS Exam**

The Council of the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba (“CMLTM”) is the governing body which has the legislative authority to set and approve the entry-to-practice requirements (including the entry-to-practice examination) for the practice of medical laboratory technologists (“MLTs”) in Manitoba.

During the June 2, 2020 CMLTM Council meeting, the Council discussed the recent Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Sciences (“CSMLS”) Board of Directors’ decision to approve the delivery of the CSMLS medical laboratory technologist examinations (General and Cytology) through a Remotely Proctored Testing (“RPT”) method. The CSMLS certification examination is used as the entry-to-practice examination by the CMLTM in fulfillment of its registration requirements. The CMLTM has an Examination Services Agreement with the CSMLS to develop and deliver the examination on behalf of the CMLTM. Under this Examination Services Agreement, the CMLTM has the final authority in determining whether an applicant is eligible to write the examination in Manitoba.

The CMLTM Council recognizes the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the examination process. At the October 2020 CMLTM Council meeting, Council reviewed data provided by CSMLS comparing in-person and remote-proctored testing. At that meeting CMLTM Council approved the use of RPT for the duration of the CSMLS pilot.

CMLTM strongly encourages all exam candidates consider registering for the in-person computer-based testing (CBT) version of the CSMLS exam whenever possible.

Accordingly, the CMLTM wishes to notify all potential Manitoba examination candidates and all stakeholders that RPT will be accepted for registration in Manitoba during the CSMLS pilot. The Council will make a permanent decision on the acceptance of RPT examinations upon receipt and review of the 1-year psychometric examination report.