

SSMLT

**GUIDELINES
FOR PRACTICE HOURS
New Applicants**



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FOR PRACTICE HOURS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR
LICENSING WITH SSMLT**

1. Application requirements for a practicing or temporary practicing:

A certified medical laboratory technologist must have completed one of the following in the five-year period immediately preceding the year for which the license is sought:

- at least 1200 hours of practice in medical laboratory technology activities approved by the SSMLT; or
- a Medical Laboratory Technology- General, Diagnostic Cytotechnology, or Clinical Genetics accredited training program approved by the SSMLT; or
- a Medical Laboratory Technology- General, Diagnostic Cytotechnology, or Clinical genetics re-entry or bridging program approved by the SSMLT.

2. Approved practice hours:

(a) All hours worked by Medical Laboratory Technologist in the following areas are approved by the SSMLT:

- any of the medical laboratory technology disciplines
- medical laboratory management
- medical laboratory education programs
- medical research that includes medical laboratory technology competencies

(b) The hours worked as a certified MLT in the areas listed in 2(a) may be worked in but not limited to any of the following settings:

- hospital laboratories
- private medical laboratories
- provincial medical laboratories
- medical laboratory clinics
- medical research laboratories
- blood transfusion agencies
- medical laboratory technology training institutions

3. Requests for recognition of medical laboratory technology activities not listed above:

Applicants that have worked in activities other than those specifically identified, must have their job duties assessed to determine if their practice hours are acceptable.

Written requests to review the acceptability of practice hours will be considered on an individual basis by the SSMLT. The review will include but not be limited to, the following information:

- Job description
- Job qualifications
- Advertisement for the position
- Relevance of activities to the practice of medical laboratory technology
- Evidence of congruence between the medical laboratory technology activities involved in the position and the official job description

4. Practice Hours evidence

Applicants for SSMLT membership must submit evidence of the necessary practice hours. The evidence may include:

- A letter of standing or current practice as a medical laboratory technologist from another Canadian MLT regulatory body; or
- Employer verification of a minimum of 1200 practice hours in the field of medical laboratory technology within previous 5 years.

This verification should include the year(s) of employment, brief description of job duties and must be signed by the employer or employer representation.

- That evidence shall:
 - be sent directly from origination sender electronically to SSMLT office; or
 - in cases where the applicant has supplied the necessary work experience/practice hours evidence to CSMLS for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), they must contact CSMLS and request a copy of the original document be sent electronically direct to SSMLT office.