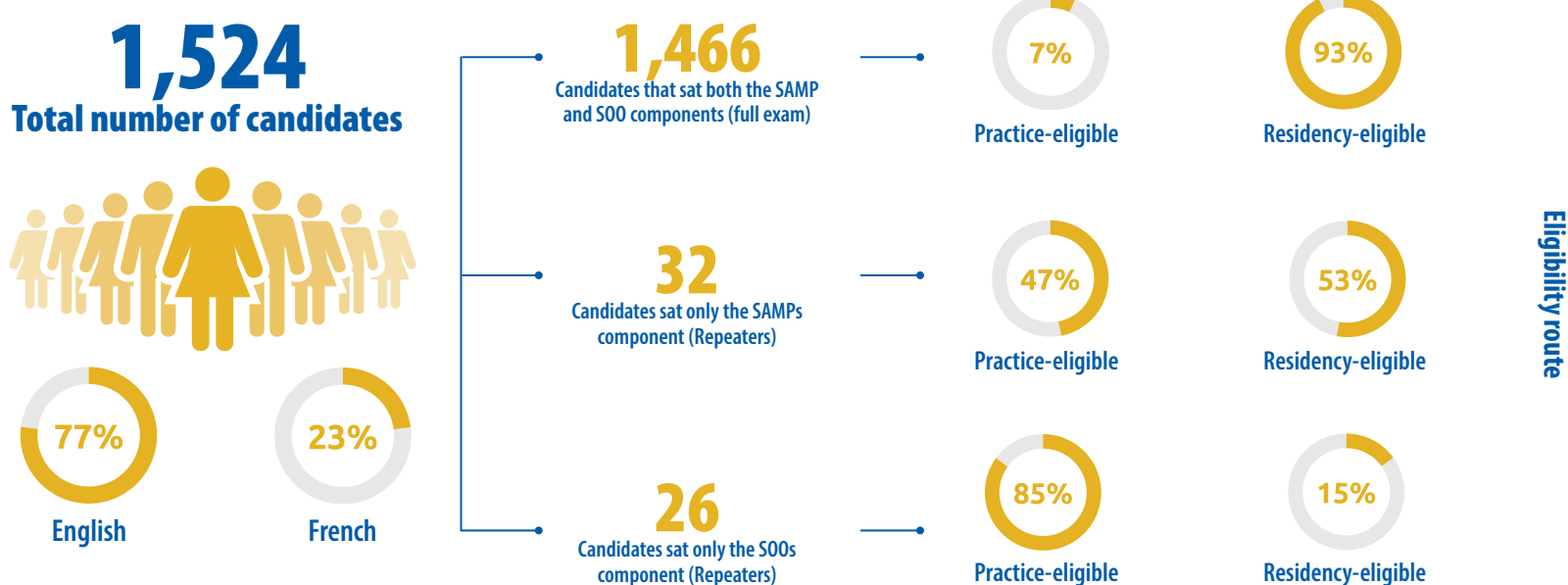




Certification Examination in Family Medicine Spring 2023 Examination Administration Report

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) conducts the Certification Examination in Family Medicine [Short Answer Management Problems (SAMPs) and Simulated Office Orals (SOOs) components] in the spring and fall in English and French.



Exam development and quality improvement (QI)

SOO content development and production

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SOO English and French cases

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SOO writers and reviewers

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SOO meetings

SAMP content development and production

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SAMP writers (authors and reviewers)

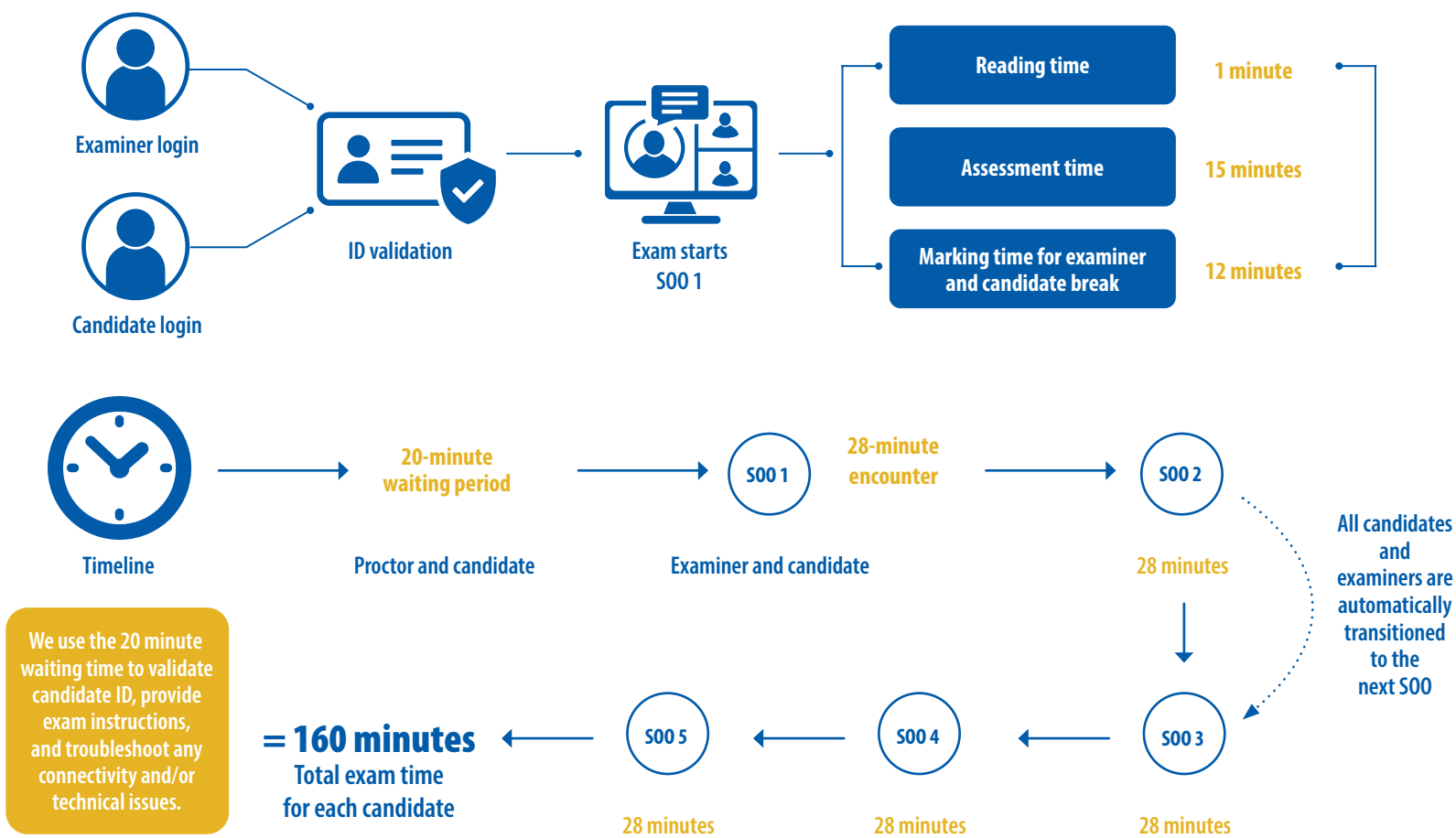
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Cases

445
Questions
Test 1 = 142
Test 2 = 150
Test 3 = 153

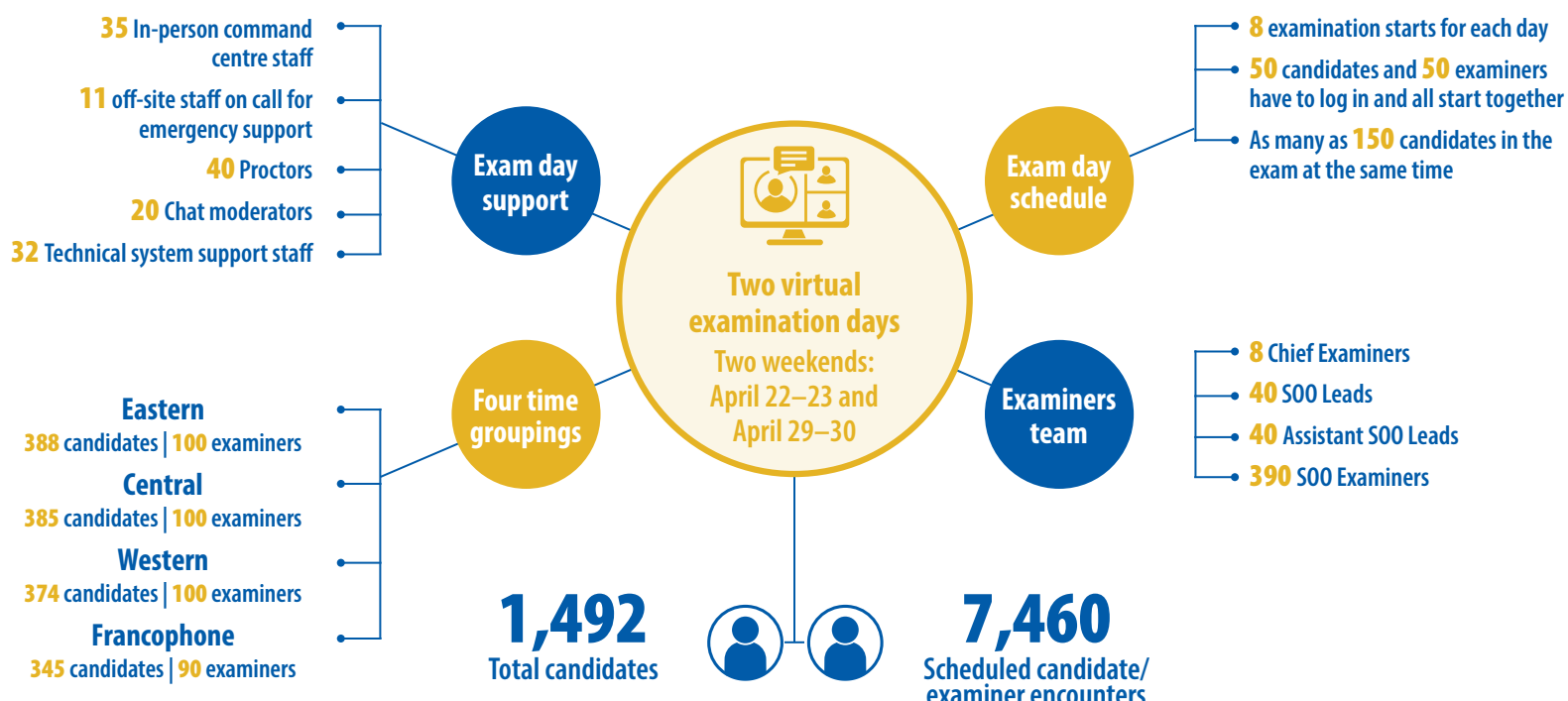
872
Answers
Test 1 = 279
Test 2 = 308
Test 3 = 285

The virtual SOO explained

SOO flow: In their exam the candidate assumes the role of the family doctor caring for a patient in their office setting. The examiner, a certified family physician, plays the role of the patient and marks the candidate's performance. During their exam the candidate encounters five different "patients" in a row (= 5 SOO cases).



Oral exam administration details



Oral exam administration details (cont'd)



Candidate readiness

- [Instructional videos, audio recordings, and written materials](#)
- [Frequently asked questions document](#)
- [Pratique technical user guide](#)
- [Live webinar](#)
- [Sample video of a virtual S00 encounter](#)



Examiner readiness

- Platform orientation including hands-on experience in the demo environment
- Marking standardization session: Virtual calibration session using mock candidates
- S00 Lead and Assistant S00 Lead training
- Incident management guide
- Examiner training on performance assessment of patient-centred approach, identifying a range of judgment biases, and managing the impact of bias in assessment

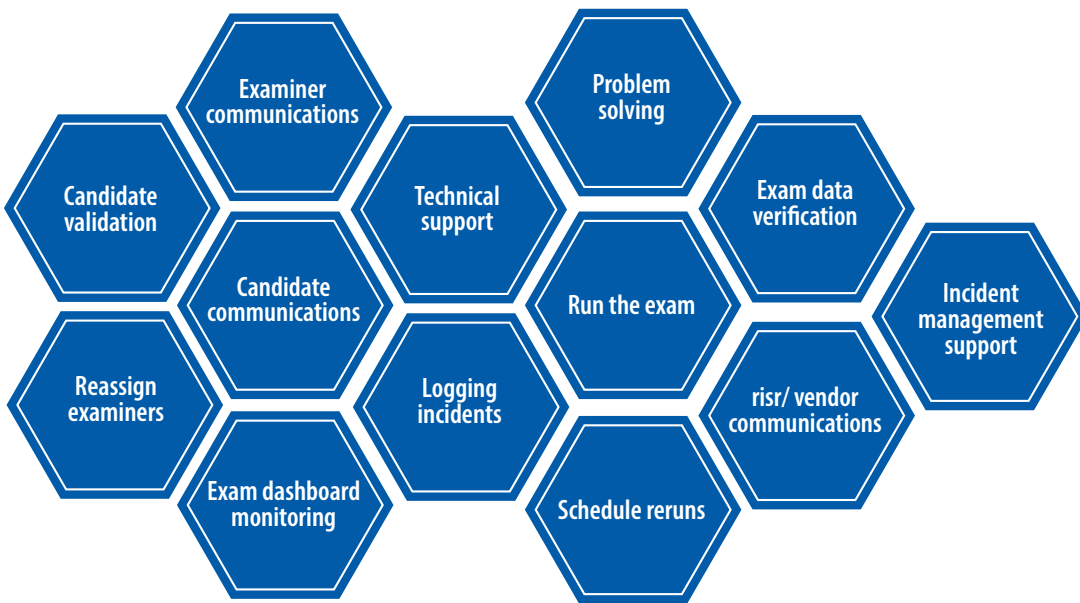
Exam day command centre

To ensure secure, effective, and seamless candidate and examiner support, a fully staffed, well-trained, in-person command centre was formed:

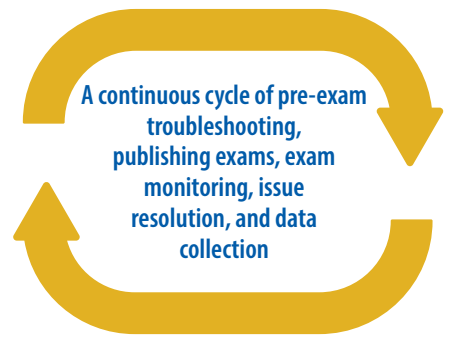
On-site Staff	Off-site Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Command Centre Director 1 Command Centre Manager 1 Data Manager 1 IT Manager 6 Chief Examiners 3 Exam Delivery Coaches/Advisors 2 Communications Leads 4 Technical Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 IT Business Solutions staff 6 Marketing and Communications staff support 3 Senior leaders on call for emergency communications decisions
<p>Western grouping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Exam Operations Lead 3 Exam Delivery Coordinators 1 Communications Coordinator <p>Francophone grouping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Exam Operations Lead 3 Exam Delivery Coordinators 1 Communications Coordinator <p>East/Central grouping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Exam Operations Lead 4 Exam Delivery Coordinators 1 Communications Coordinator 	

Key functions

Command centre staff's job is to ensure every scheduled candidate is tested.



Exam day schedule



Outcomes

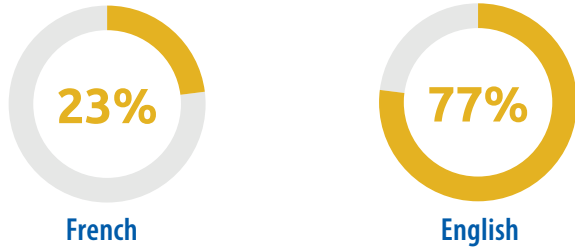
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Test accommodations. The CFPC makes every effort to accommodate candidates' needs requiring special consideration.

1.6%

Of all encounters had to be rerun once the fifth S00 station finished due to technical issues in the initial running. One exam grouping start time had to be delayed 30 minutes. Command Centre staff informed all examiners and candidates of the new start time and all candidates logged in and finished their exam as expected.

Language of choice



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No emergency examination sessions were initiated at the end of exam day shifts.

Written exam administration details

The written component of the examination, the computer-based SAMPs, took place April 11th, 12th, and 13th.

It was four-and-a-half hours in length with a 15-minute mandatory orientation tutorial at the beginning of the exam and a 15-minute optional break.

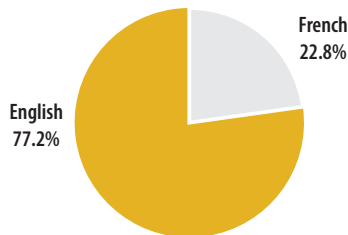
Technical difficulties



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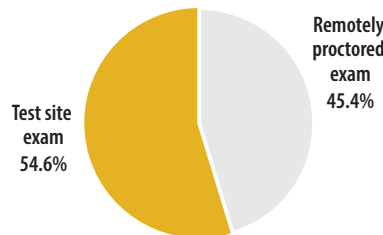
No major issues or disruptions reported.

Language of choice



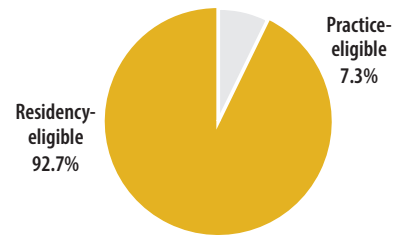
Just under one quarter of candidates took the exam in French.

Mode of delivery



Almost one half of candidates opted for remote proctoring of their exam.

Eligibility route



A significant majority of the candidates qualified through the residency eligible route.

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Test accommodations. The CFPC makes every effort to accommodate candidates' needs related to pregnancy, breastfeeding, religion, wellness considerations, physical or functional limitations, learning disabilities, or other medical diagnoses requiring special consideration.

The CFPC is dedicated to working with committees, schools, and resident groups to address unique challenges related to exams. We welcome your ongoing engagement and invite you to share your concerns by emailing ccfpexam@cfpc.ca.

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