

Interpreting Examination Results for Candidates who Were Unsuccessful on the PDPA Examination

The following information is designed to help you interpret your performance on the PDPA examination.

OVERALL PASS/ FAIL RESULT

This overall result is based on:

- how you performed on a **combined** basis on the multiple choice questions and case portions of the examination; and
- how you performed as compared to a **competency profile and fair pass mark** set by the Board of Examiners.

If you received a PASS, you have met all the levels described below. If you received a FAIL, you can interpret your results with the information below.

SUFFICIENCY

Candidates failing Sufficiency are those that have not sufficiently demonstrated, throughout their responses, the application of knowledge and professional skills required. These candidates did not demonstrate competence consistently/enough times throughout the case and the multiple choice questions.

Candidates failing Sufficiency are provided with a decile ranking, based on the failing candidate population in Sufficiency. A grouping of 1 to 10 will appear, for failing candidates only, at the top of the transcript. This means that failing candidates are classified in one of ten groupings with the lowest number being closest to the passing standard and the highest number being furthest away. For example, a decile ranking of 1, represents a candidate falling within the first 10% of scores below the passing standard. The decile ranking is provided to help candidates decide if they should request a remark. The higher the decile ranking, the further away the candidate is from the passing standard and therefore the lower the chance of a change in status upon remark.

DEPTH IN ASSURANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

Candidates failing Depth in Assurance / Financial Reporting did not demonstrate competence enough times throughout the case and the multiple choice questions in Assurance / Financial Reporting.



BREADTH IN TAXATION

Candidates failing Breadth in Taxation did not obtain a minimum score on the multiple choice questions in Taxation.

REQUESTING A REMARK

Candidates who received an overall result of FAIL may request a remark. Candidates may only apply for a review of their entire examination results, not individual portions.

To apply for a remark, please contact your region/provincial body. **The application deadline is Wednesday, December 20, 2023.**

Before submitting your request, please note the following:

- A remark does not provide any additional feedback on your result; it does ensure that you received credit for all competencies demonstrated.
- Each candidate's case portion was marked independently by two different markers. If the initial two markings differed on any assessment opportunity, the difference between the first and second marking was arbitrated, ensuring fairness in marking the candidates' responses.

The following procedures are applied during a remark:

- **Multiple Choice Questions Portion:** The responses to the multiple choice questions are verified against the right answers.
- **Case Portion:** Competency-based assessment is applied. A change to the assessment is made only if one or more of the following errors occurred. The markers:
 - misapplied the marking guidelines
 - failed to consider a relevant section of the candidate's response (e.g. the markers missed a relevant discussion somewhere, etc.)
 - exhibited poor application of judgment

Fees

For the fee of a review of examination results, please contact your region/provincial body.

If the remark is successful, the fees will be refunded.

All changes in status (remarks) will be processed as received and released to the provinces as they are ready. All remarks will be completed by January 19, 2024.



NEXT PDPA EXAMINATION DATE:

The date of the next PDPA examination will be posted on your region/provincial body's website when it is available.