

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS

STUDENT APPLICATION TO WRITE THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION (PPE)*

CAP MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ I am a 3rd OR 4th year undergraduate in Physics (or closely related subject, specify _____)

UNIVERSITY: _____ I am a graduate student

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

I am applying to write the Professional Practice Examination*. I understand that this is a three-hour, closed-book examination which will be overseen by a CAP member designated by the CAP Professional Certification Committee. The frequency with which the PPE will be offered will depend upon demand, but it is intended that it will be available at least once per year (in January) in major centres across Canada. If you are not able to reach such a major centre, it may be possible to arrange alternate examination sites.**

I understand that I will be notified of the results as soon as possible after completion of the exam, but this may take up to six months, depending on the volume of the exams received.

I understand that, even if I pass the PPE, I am not eligible to use the PPhys designation until such time as I have applied for and received a PPhys licence from the Canadian Association of Physicists. The eligibility requirements and appropriate forms for the “Application for Certification” can be found at <http://www.cap.ca/cert>. I understand that the results of this examination will be kept on file at the CAP offices. I undertake to apply for certification within a reasonable time of satisfying the eligibility requirements for certification (usually one year), and to maintain my CAP membership in the meantime.

The fee for the Professional Practice Examination will be waived provided the exam is written during the annual PPE examination time at Canadian universities, normally held during the third week of January.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* The PPE is not intended to test candidates' capabilities in physics itself. Rather, it aims to measure candidates' communication abilities in technical and non-technical environments, their ability to apply quantitative thinking to non-academic and non-specialist situations, their capability for methodical reasoning and argumentation, and their understanding of basic professional ethics.

** For applicants wishing to write the PPE at a site outside of Canada, the applicant must provide the name and contact information of a suitable senior-level manager/professor who is willing to act as supervisor for the proposed off-site examination. While the Professional Certification Committee will make every effort to accommodate such requests, it may not always be possible to do so. A nominal fee for coordinating examinations at sites outside Canada may apply.