



Administration
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des Laurentides

Laurentian
Pilotage
Authority

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NOTICE – Written Test of General Knowledge

In prevision of future apprentice pilot's recruitment, the Laurentian Pilotage Authority is offering interested candidates the possibility of taking the written test of general knowledge on:

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

*****The location will be determined according to the origin of the candidates and will be communicated 2 weeks before the exam date. *****

The written test of general knowledge is one of the eligibility requirements for an apprentice pilot.

All applications must include the attached registration form and return it with the required documents:

1. A certified copy of a document proving that the candidate is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident as required by the *Pilotage Act* (birth certificate or any other official document indicating the date and place of birth).
2. A certified copy of a certificate of competency issued pursuant to the 2001 *Canada Shipping Act*.

The exam lasts three hours and comprises questions pertaining to general knowledge of near-coastal navigation, including knowledge of ship handling, navigational instruments, use of marine charts, meteorology, navigation in ice on the St. Lawrence River and the calculation of tides. One can find the syllabus in the "Careers. Becoming a pilot" section of the Authority's website. <https://www.pilotagestlaurent.gc.ca/en/apprenticeship-entrance-examination.html>

The passing grade is 70%.

Interested candidates who do not currently meet all of the eligibility requirements specified in Sections 23.28 and 23.29 of the *General Pilotage Regulations* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2000-132/page-7.html>) are entitled to take the written test of general knowledge with a view to recruitment in a later year.

It should be noted that the candidate who fails this test more than three times is no longer eligible to take it, as specified in Section 23.33(1) of the *General Pilotage Regulations* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2000-132/page-8.html#docCont>).

Following the test, it is the candidate's responsibility to monitor recruitment notices published by the Laurentian Pilotage Authority and posted on its website at <https://www.pilotagestlaurent.gc.ca/en/communications.html> and on its social networks. These notices indicate the eligibility requirements and the deadline for the submission of applications.

Applications must be submitted by email or post no later than one working week before the scheduled test date.

For any additional information, please contact:

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The Act and Regulations:

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/P-14.pdf>

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-2000-132.pdf>



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**Registration Form for the General Knowledge
Written Test**

Last Name :	First Name :
Address :	
City :	Postal code :
Téléphone :	Email :

Date of test	Location	
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Wednesday, January 14, 2026	To be determined	

Required documents	
A certified copy of a document proving Canadian citizenship or permanent residence.	
A certified copy of a certificate of competency issued pursuant to the 2001 Canada Shipping Act.	

Send registration form and required documents by email or mail to the following address:

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