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**2018 PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA 2018)  
MAIN STUDY – SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, READING, GLOBAL COMPETENCE, FINANCIAL  
LITERACY, AND OCCUPATIONAL CODING**

**2019 PAN-CANADIAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PCAP 2019)  
FIELD STUDY – MATHEMATICS**

**REQUEST FOR LOCAL SCORERS**

**Ottawa, Ontario**

**PISA: July 9–20, 2018**

**PCAP: July 16–20, 2018**

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an international assessment of the skills and knowledge of 15-year-olds. The study is directed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and involves over 70 countries or economies. Because the study is administered every three years, it will continue to produce data on students that can be compared internationally and over time.

The assessment covers five domains: reading, mathematics, science, global competence, and financial literacy. Although each assessment contains questions from all domains, the focus shifts with each assessment. In 2018, the focus is on reading. In Canada, about 30,000 students from over 800 schools are taking part in the PISA 2018 Main Study.

The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) is a cyclical program of assessments of student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science conducted by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). The field study will be administered to approximately 3,000 students from close to 100 schools across Canada.

The assessment covers three domains: reading, mathematics, and science. Although each assessment has questions on all three domains, the focus shifts with each assessment. In 2019, the focus will be on mathematics.

The PISA 2018 Main Study and the PCAP 2019 Field Study will be scored in Ottawa, Ontario, from July 9 to July 20, 2018. Approximately 140 scorers (English, French, or bilingual) will be involved in the session, with some participants coming from ministries and departments of education across the country. Therefore, openings will be available for local scorers from the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

Individuals wishing to participate are invited to outline their qualifications and experience, using the electronic form available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/scoring2018>. All applications will be considered.

Applicants to the scoring sessions must meet the following criteria:

- have a background in teaching language arts, mathematics, or science (as applicable)
- be a regular teacher, substitute teacher, retired teacher, or future teacher

- have knowledge of the provincial programs of study for the target populations (PISA – 15-year-olds, PCAP – Grade 8/Secondary II) in their respective subjects
- be available for the entire duration of scoring session(s) in their respective subjects
- reside in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa-Gatineau; and
- have the knowledge and ability to use computers efficiently (i.e., be computer literate)

Bilingualism is considered an asset.

### NEW FOR PISA 2018: OCCUPATIONAL CODING SCORING SESSION

The PISA 2018 student questionnaire collects information about future student occupations and current parent occupations. This information is coded using the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) guide. CMEC is seeking applicants to code these questionnaire responses.

Applicants for occupational coding must meet the following criteria:

- have obtained a university degree
- possess familiarity with MS-Excel and/or MS Access
- be available for the entire duration of the coding session (including Saturday, July 14)

Bilingualism is strongly considered an asset. Previous experience with coding or scoring student responses will also be considered an asset.

Scorers and coders will perform their duties as shown in the table below. The maximum number of anticipated working days is shown.

	Reading	Mathematics	Science	Global competence	Financial literacy	ISCO
PISA table leaders (training)	July 4–7 Up to 4 days	July 7 Up to 1 day	July 14 Up to 1 day			
PISA Main Study	July 9–20 Contract up to 10 days	July 9–13 Contract up to 5 days	July 16–20 Contract up to 5 days	July 9–13 Contract up to 5 days	July 16–20 Contract up to 5 days	July 9-14 and 16-19 Contract up to 10 days
PCAP Field Study		July 16–20 Contract up to 5 days				

The allocation of scorers was determined by PISA and PCAP coding requirements. To the extent possible, positions will be filled by scorers who participated in previous scoring sessions because of the high number of trend items to be scored. The daily fee is \$200 per day (includes 4 per cent vacation pay), plus \$33 per workday for incidental expenses. No other expenses, such as meals, transportation, parking, child care, or accommodation, will be covered. **The application deadline is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, after which date all candidates will be notified of the status of their application.