

## SEEKING GRADE 8 SCIENCE TEACHERS

The Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) is an assessment that measures the knowledge and skills of Grade 8 (in Quebec, Secondary II) Canadian students in three subjects: science, reading, and mathematics. This assessment was developed by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). The PCAP assessment has two main purposes: to investigate how prepared Grade 8/Secondary II students are for future academic challenges, and to help policymakers make informed decisions about education across Canada.

As part of the analysis process for PCAP 2023, a standard-setting session will be conducted. The standard-setting session for the PCAP 2023 Science Assessment will take place at the CMEC office in Toronto, April 24–25, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the standard-setting session is to establish cut scores that show the dividing points between levels of student performance. In advance of scoring PCAP, it is essential to set clear and fair performance standards.

CMEC is seeking a small group of Grade 8 science teachers to help establish cut scores. Applicable training will be provided.

The following criteria will be used to select interested participants:

- Excellent knowledge of Grade 8 science
- Strong background knowledge in science
- Ability to work in both official languages (preferred)
- Background knowledge of standard setting (preferred)

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days of the session.

Transportation and parking will be covered as per CMEC guidelines. No other expenses, such as hotel/motel accommodations or childcare, will be covered.

There is no daily rate provided. Participation is voluntary.

CMEC will reimburse school boards or schools for the cost of hiring substitute teachers to cover permanent teaching staff assignments, while such staff are participating in the standard-setting session. (Permanent teaching staff need to obtain school board or school approval to participate in the session.)

**If you meet the above criteria and would like to participate in the standard-setting session, please complete the PCAP 2023 Standard Setting Meeting survey form accessible via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/Z237P9Q>.** The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to March 28, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your interest. A member of staff will reach out shortly following the closing survey date.

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