



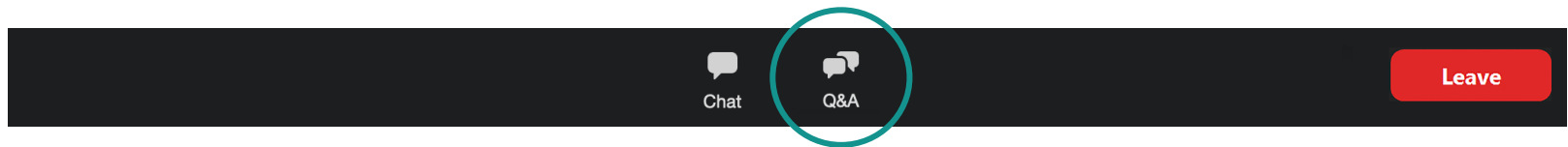
Pathways to Licensure

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We acknowledge that this webinar is being hosted on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the x^wməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations whose historical relationships with these lands continue to this day. We also acknowledge that all of you attending today remotely are located on Indigenous territories across the province.

Questions

- Questions will be answered following the presentation
- To submit questions, please use the Q&A function at the bottom of your screen



General licensure requirements

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Evidence of ID, experience, good professional conduct, and good character
- Medical degree (listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools and accepted in Canada)
- English language proficiency requirements
- Canadian citizenship, permanent resident, or be legally able to live and work in BC
- Currency in practice
 - 24 weeks in last three years
 - Scope of training and recent experience (not research, administration or medical regulation)
- Scope of practice
 - Limited if last three years of practice has been limited scope

Full – family

Eligibility

- Licensing examinations (Licentiate of the Medical Council (LMCC) or United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLEs))
- Meet at least one of the following requirements:
 1. Have obtained certification through College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)
 2. Grad of a Canadian medical school in 1992 or earlier with a year of internship
 3. For postgraduate training (PGT) completed between 1993 and July 1, 2010,
 - Two years of accredited postgraduate training (one year must be completed in Canada)
 - 44 weeks, consisting of eight weeks in each of medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics, and four weeks in each of psychiatry, emergency medicine and family practice, and

Full – specialty

Eligibility

- Licensing examinations (LMCC or USMLEs)
- Have obtained certification in a primary specialty through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RSPSC)

Provisional – family

Eligibility

- MCCQE Part 1
- Meets one of the following requirements:
 1. Completed non-Canadian PGT training recognized by the CFPC for the award of certification without examination (Australia, Ireland, UK, and the USA)
 2. Completed PGT in Canada after July 1, 2010, and yet to obtain the CCFP
 3. Undergone an accepted assessment of competency in Canada

Assessment

Permits qualified and selected family physicians to participate in the **Practice Ready Assessment – British Columbia** (PRA-BC) program prior to being considered eligible for provisional registration.

Eligibility

- Have, to the satisfaction of the Registration Committee, successfully completed a minimum of two years of postgraduate training in a foreign jurisdiction that includes training in the following:
 - medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, emergency medicine, and family practice, leading to registration or recognition as a family physician in that jurisdiction

PRA-BC

- Provides an alternative pathway to provisional licensure in BC for IMGs whose postgraduate training was not obtained in a jurisdiction acceptable to the College of Family Physicians of Canada
- Key partners in this program are the College, the provincial government, Doctors of BC, the UBC Faculty of Medicine, BC health authorities, and Health Match BC
- Launched in 2015
- Has assessed 188 family physicians, placed in 57 communities throughout BC



Provisional – specialty

Eligibility

- Licensing Examination (Medical Council of Canada Part 1 or USMLEs)
- Meets one of the following requirements:
 1. Obtained certification through the RCPSC
 2. Completed accredited postgraduate training in Canada but yet to obtain certification with the RCPSC
 3. Completed non-Canadian postgraduate training, obtained a completion of training certificate and is eligible through the RCPSC through a route recognized by the College's Registration Committee
 - Approved Jurisdiction Route
 - Practice Eligibility Route
 4. Undergone an assessment of competency in Canada

Other classes

- Podiatric surgeon
- Osteopathic
- Academic
- Associate physician (not independent practice)

Associate physician

Eligibility

- Submit with the application a sponsorship letter from a health authority, satisfactory to the Registration Committee, that:
 - identifies the applicant's sponsor
 - describes how the applicant will engage in the practice of medicine
 - notes that the applicant will be working under the direction and supervision of an attending physician
- Have completed a minimum of two years' accredited training as a medical or surgical specialist prior to applying for registration
- Have successfully completed Part 1 of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination

Application process

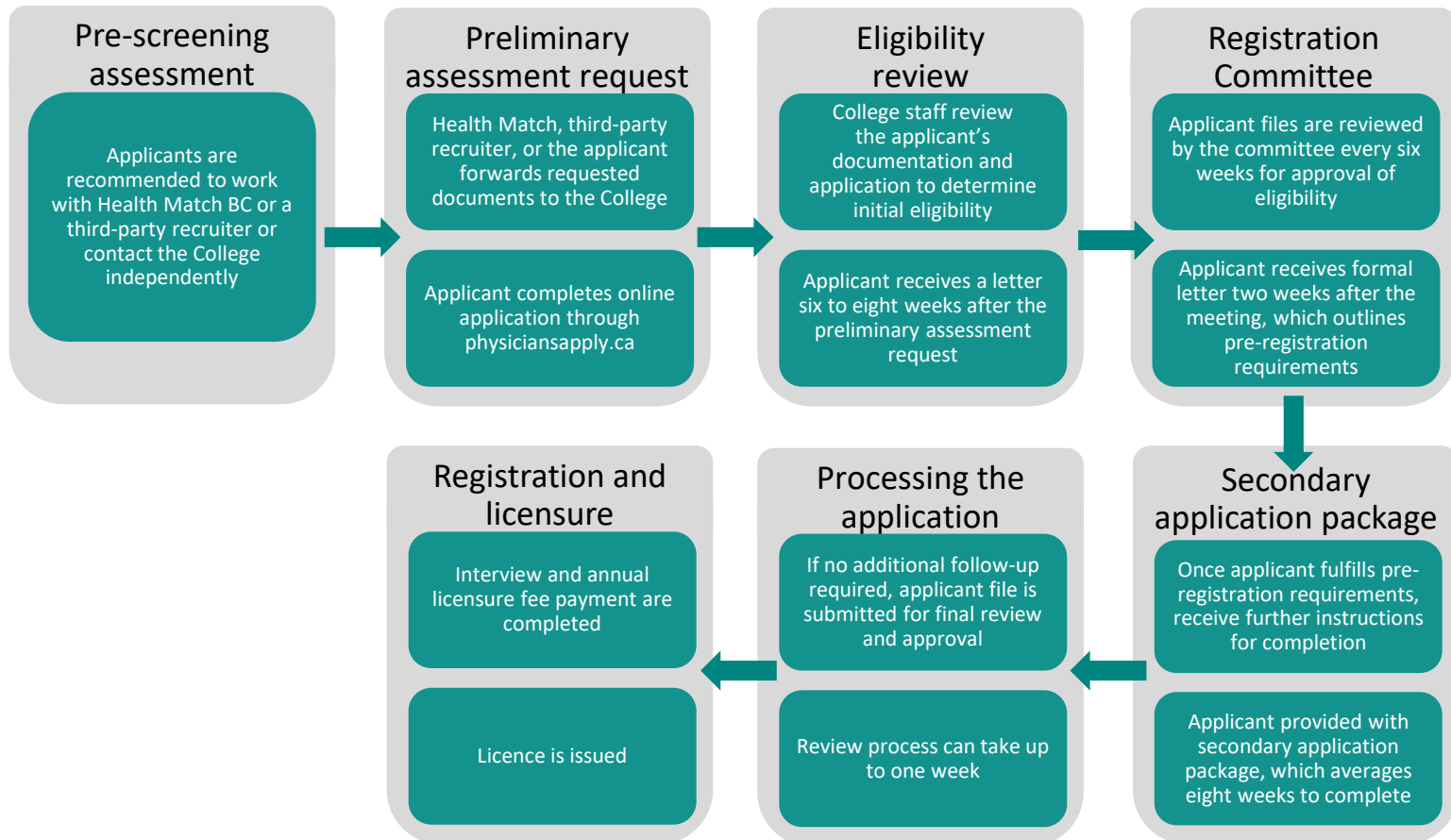
Application: Fast-tracked licensure

- Introduced in March 2022 to expedite registration and licensure for full applicants who meet certain eligibility criteria
 - Provides full, unrestricted licence for independent practice in a Canadian home jurisdiction
 - Requires LMCC or USMLEs, and CCFP or RCPSC
 - Previously has practised independently in the home jurisdiction continuously for the past three years, excluding PGT, with no breaks in service of more than three months other than parental leave
 - No open complaints, open investigations, pending or concluded disciplinary actions in the home jurisdiction
- Average processing time is taking two weeks less for fast-tracked over the regular application process

Application: Provisional

- Pre-assessment
 - Is it worth pursuing?
 - Is eligibility likely?
 - What additional documents will the Registration Committee likely need to review?
- Eligible? Valid for three years
- Can applicant meet subjects such as English language proficiency, showing they have accredited postgraduate training?
- Navigate immigration process to be able to legally work in BC
- Is there a role in BC? Sponsorship from a health authority?
- Wind down practice in home jurisdiction
- Move family
- Circumstances may change for the applicant

Application: Provisional



Application challenges

- Document source verification
- Receiving third-party documentation
 - Sponsorship letter
 - Reference forms
 - Certificates of professional conduct
 - Work permits
- Affirmative answers on applications
 - Legal
 - Other jurisdiction practice information
 - Health

Thank you

Questions?

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- Email registration@cpsbc.ca

