



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Expectations of Sponsors for Provisional Registrants

All physicians granted registration in the provisional class are subject to a number of limits and conditions imposed by the Registration Committee, including a requirement for sponsorship. An application for provisional registration must be preceded by a request to grant registration from the Ministry of Health or its designate, or the Faculty of Medicine, UBC, that identifies the applicant's sponsor and describes how the applicant will engage in the practice of medicine. The sponsor must be the Ministry of Health, or its designate, a health authority or the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. An individual physician is not eligible to be a sponsor.

The sponsor must identify a supervisor acceptable to the College and present a signed written agreement detailing the supervisor's responsibility to the College. The sponsor acts as a mentor to the provisional registrant and assists in adoption / acculturation to the Canadian health-care system. Sponsors are expected to assist the provisional registrant in achieving full registration. A sponsor is required to confirm on an annual basis for the purpose of renewal of licensure that the provisional registrant continues to be engaged in the practice of medicine for which the request to grant registration was made and continues to be sponsored by the agency. The sponsor is responsible for reviewing reports prepared by the supervisor and must report immediately to the College any concerns regarding patient safety.