

REGISTRATION POLICY

Alternative Pathway to Provisional Registration – Practice Ready Assessment

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate which practice ready assessments are acceptable to the College as an alternative pathway to registration in the provisional class of registration.

Background

Section 2-15 of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* states:

Provisional - family

- 2-15 (1) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted provisional registration for family practice, in addition to the requirements under section 2-17, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) meet one of the following requirements:
 - (i) if they have completed a family medicine program in Canada after July 1, 2010, but have not obtained certification with the CFPC, they must provide a recommendation from the applicant's Program Director and Chairperson of the Department of Family Medicine, attesting to competence and successful completion of all program requirements, acceptable to the registration committee,
 - (ii) have successfully completed a minimum of two years of accredited postgraduate training in a foreign jurisdiction recognized by the CFPC for the award of certification without examination,
 - (iii) have obtained certification with the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians, or

- (iv) have successfully completed a practice ready assessment, acceptable to the registration committee in a Canadian province or territory, and
- (c) have Canadian Citizenship, be a permanent resident or be legally able to live and work in British Columbia.

Section 2-16 of the College Bylaws states:

Provisional - specialty

- 2-16 (1) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted provisional registration for specialty practice, in addition to the requirements under section 2-17, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) have met one of the following requirements:
 - (i) have obtained RCPSC certification;
 - (ii) if they have trained in an RCPSC specialty program in Canada but have not obtained RCPSC certification, they must provide a recommendation from the applicant's Program Director and Chairperson of the Department, attesting to competence and successful completion of all program requirements, acceptable to the registration committee;
 - (iii) have completed postgraduate training and obtained a completion of training certificate and certification in the applicant's specialty from a foreign jurisdiction where such training meets the criteria for a RCPSC ruling to access RCPSC certification through examinations, acceptable to the registration committee, or
 - (iv) have successfully completed a practice ready assessment, acceptable to the registration committee in a Canadian province or territory, and
 - (c) have Canadian Citizenship, be a permanent resident or be legally able to live and work in British Columbia.

Policy

For the purposes of sections 2-15(1)(b)(iv) and 2-16(1)(b)(iv) of the Bylaws, the Registration Committee considers the following practice ready assessments offered by Canadian jurisdictions to be acceptable:

Acceptable practice ready assessments for family physicians

- Practice Ready Assessment in British Columbia (PRA-BC)

- Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA)
- Clinician Assessment for Practice Program (CAPP) in Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Practice Ready Assessment Program (NSPRAP)
- Clinical Assessment Professional Enhancement (CAPE) in Manitoba
- Practice Ready Assessment-Family Practice (PRA-FP) (formerly the International Medical Graduate Assessment for Conditional Licensure (IMGACL)) in Manitoba
- Clinical Skills Assessment and Training (CSAT) in Newfoundland
- Practice Ready Assessment in Newfoundland and Labrador (PRA-NL)
- Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB) in Alberta

Acceptable practice ready assessments for specialist physicians

- Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB) in Alberta

Unacceptable practice ready assessments

Practice ready assessments considered unacceptable to the Registration Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Manitoba Medical Licensure Program for International Medical Graduates (MLPIMG)

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