



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

Alternative Pathway to Provisional Registration – Assessment of Competency

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

Section 2-14 of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* states:

Provisional – family

- 2-14 (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 2-16, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) meet one of the following requirements:
 - (i) have completed a family medicine program in Canada after July 1, 2010 and obtained certification with the CFPC but has not become a licentiate of the MCC, he or she 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) if he or she has completed a family medicine program in Canada after July 1, 2010, but has not obtained certification with the CFPC, he or she 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,
 - (iii) 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, or
 - (iv) have undergone an assessment of competency 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 2-15 of the College Bylaws states:

Provisional – specialty

- 2-15 (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 2-16, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) meet one of the following requirements:
 - (i) have obtained RCPSC certification;
 - (ii) if the applicant trained in an RCPSC specialty program in Canada but has not obtained RCPSC certification, he or she 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 an international accrediting body where such training meets the criteria for a RCPSC ruling to access RCPSC certification through examinations, acceptable to the registration committee, or
 - (iv) have undergone an assessment of competency 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 2-14(1)(b)(iv) and 2-15(1)(b)(iv) of the Bylaws, the Registration Committee considers the following assessments of competency offered by Canadian jurisdictions to be acceptable:

Acceptable assessments of competency 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
- 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 Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB) in Alberta

Acceptable assessments of competency for specialist physicians

- Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB) in Alberta

Unacceptable assessments of competency

Assessments of competency 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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