



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

Certification in the College of Family Physicians Without Examination

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the College's position on eligibility for registration and licensure in the provisional-family class for applicants to the College who hold Certification in the College of Family Physicians (CCFP) of Canada (CFPC) without examination.

BACKGROUND

Section 2-14(1)(b) 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

[...]

(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

According to the College of Family Physicians of Canada's (CFPC) [website](#), CCFP designation may be granted without examination to physicians who meet the requirements of the CFPC. Acceptable training programs from jurisdictions considered approved by the CFPC are listed [here](#).

POLICY

In order to be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional-family class under this policy, an applicant must

1. hold Certification in the College of Family Physicians (CCFP) of Canada (CFPC) without examination,
2. provide to the College a positive opinion letter from the CFPC confirming that the applicant's training meets the CFPC's criteria for certification without examination, and
3. meet the requirements for registration and licensure set out in the *Health Professions Act* and College Bylaws.

Alternative Route to Certification

Applicants who have been awarded the CCFP designation through the Alternative Route to Certification (ARC) between October 2008 and June 2018 (a route which is now discontinued) will be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional – family class under this policy subject to meeting the requirements set out in number 2 and 3 above.

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