



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

Provisional Class of Registration and Licensure and the Performance of Locum Tenens

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements for registration in the provisional class for the purposes of undertaking a locum tenens.

POLICY

A locum tenens physician fills in for another physician(s) on a temporary basis. Once the absent physician returns to practice, the arrangement between the two physicians comes to an end.

Criteria for performance of a locum tenens

A physician may be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional class for the purposes of undertaking a locum tenens position in BC as long as the period for the locum tenens position is a minimum of three months.

Requests by new applicants or current registrants to undertake a locum tenens of less than three months may be approved by the College on a case-by-case basis in exceptional circumstances, subject to the provision of supporting documentation. The following are examples of circumstances which may, at the discretion of the College, be regarded as exceptional circumstances:

- covering an incumbent physician who:
 - becomes ill
 - is away on vacation or a sabbatical
 - is attending a CME/CPD activity
- for the purposes of a short-term job assessment activity conducted by a health authority

Approval to undertake a shorter locum on the basis of exceptional circumstances will be subject to the applicant's sponsoring health authority providing the College with written confirmation of the following:

- dates and locations with the same health authority of the proposed locum tenens activity
- purpose of the locum tenens in accordance with the circumstances listed above
- name of the supervisor for the duration of the locum tenens (requirements can be found under the registration policy entitled [Supervisor Eligibility Requirements](#))

A supervisor evaluation report must be received by the College at the conclusion of the locum tenens, no later than three months following the commencement of the locum tenens activity. If the College

does not receive a supervisor evaluation report, no further locum tenens will be approved by the Registration Committee.

Where a current registrant wishes to undertake a locum tenens activity in a practice setting within the same health authority as their primary practice, the health authority must send an email to the registrant and to the College confirming the above information. The Registration Committee will make all final decisions respecting such requests for additional locum tenens activities by registrants and their health authority.

If the request for a locum tenens position is outside of the registrant's current sponsoring health authority's geographical boundaries, the registrant will need to provide:

- written confirmation from the registrant's sponsoring health authority of temporary release of the registrant from its sponsorship
- written confirmation from the health authority in which the locum tenens is to be performed to both the registrant and to the College of its willingness to sponsor the provisional registrant
- dates and locations of the proposed locum tenens activity
- purpose of the locum tenens in accordance with the circumstances listed above
- name of the supervisor for the duration of the locum tenens (requirements can be found under the registration policy entitled [Supervisor Eligibility Requirements](#))

A supervisor evaluation report must be provided to the College upon completion of the locum tenens activity.

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