



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

Recognition of Specialty Training from South Africa

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify what specialty training in South Africa is recognized for eligibility for registration and licensure with the College.

POLICY

A physician who completed their medical training in South Africa may be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional – specialty class of registration in British Columbia if, in addition to the general registration and licensure requirements, they meet the following:

1. they hold fellowship with their college of medicine in South Africa and provide to the College evidence of such fellowship
2. they are recognized by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) in their specialty
3. they are able to obtain a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) eligibility ruling through the approved jurisdiction route

Note: Where the scope of specialty training completed in South Africa is not clear, the Registration Committee may request that the physician obtain an advanced ruling from the RCPSC confirming the applicant's eligibility to access the RCPSC primary specialty examinations as a prerequisite to completing the application for registration and licensure process.

Other class of registration

Where a physician is able to provide confirmation of their master of medicine degree but not their fellowship in their respective college of medicine in South Africa, they may be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional – family class and restricted to a focused area of practice in their specialty if, in addition to the general registration and licensure requirements, they:

1. meet the requirements for family practice in BC as outlined in the College Bylaws
2. provide evidence of currency in practice as a family physician pursuant to section 2-8 of the College Bylaws

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