



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

# Registration Policy

## Registration in the Provisional Class and Exam Eligibility

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the registration requirements for applicants and registrants who have not obtained RCPSC or CFPC certification.

### BACKGROUND

This policy applies to

1. current registrants in the provisional-specialty and provisional-family classes, and
2. applicants to the provisional-specialty and provisional-family classes.

Section 2-14(1) of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act (HPA)* 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 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(1) 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.

Sections 20 (4.3) and (4.4) of the *Health Professions Act (HPA)* states:

- (4.3) If a bylaw under section 19 (1) (i) establishes a class of provisional registrants for the purposes of this subsection, the registration committee may
  - (a) grant registration in the class for a limited period specified for the registrant by the registration committee,
  - (b) require the registrant to complete, within the period specified under paragraph (a), any examinations or upgrading of knowledge, skills or abilities the registration committee considers necessary for the registrant, and
  - (c) impose limits or conditions on the practice of the designated health profession by the registrant.
- (4.4) Limits or conditions imposed in accordance with subsection (2.1), (3), (4.2) or (4.3) may be different for different registrants within a class of registrants.

**POLICY**

The Registration Committee may grant eligibility for registration and licensure or extend registration and licensure in the provisional class for physicians who, in addition to meeting the registration requirements outlined in the *HPA* and College Bylaws, provide the College with proof of current and unconditional eligibility, acceptable to the Registration Committee, to sit the RCPSC (through the Approved Jurisdiction Route) or the CFPC certification examinations.

The Registration Committee retains the discretion to impose limits and conditions on an applicant's licence and may require the applicant or registrant to complete the certification examinations within a certain prescribed period, in accordance with sections 20(4.3) and (4.4) of the *HPA*. Requests for exceptions to this policy may be considered by the Registration Committee at its discretion, on a case-by-case basis.

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