



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

# Registration Policy

## Requirement for a Certificate of Completion of Training for International Medical Graduates in the Provisional Class

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the requirement of a certificate of completion of training (CCT) for international medical graduates (IMGs) who apply for eligibility for registration and licensure in the provisional class. This policy applies to all IMGs who have completed their accredited postgraduate training outside of Canada and who are applying for eligibility for registration and licensure in the provisional class.

### BACKGROUND

Sections 2-14 and 2-15 of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* state:

#### 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.

### 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.

### Certificate of completion of training

Physicians who have completed accredited postgraduate training in a foreign jurisdiction may be awarded a CCT from the international accrediting body upon completion of their postgraduate training program and success on an endpoint examination.

### POLICY

An IMG may be eligible for registration and licensure in the provisional class if, in addition to meeting the general registration requirements, they provide to the College a CCT from the international accrediting body, acceptable to the Registration Committee. This applies even if the applicant is in possession of an RCPSC eligibility ruling allowing access to the RCPSC certification examinations in their primary specialty. The Registration Committee would consider an applicant for registration and licensure in the provisional class who holds both a CCT and an RCPSC eligibility ruling, or holds RCPSC certification.

### Alternative certificates accepted, on a case-by-case basis, in lieu of a CCT

This College may, on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Registration Committee, accept the following certificate for registration and licensure in lieu of a CCT:

- Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (Combined Programme) [CESR(CP)]

**Alternative certificates not accepted in lieu of a CCT**

This College will not accept the following certificates for registration and licensure in lieu of a CCT:

- Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR), United Kingdom
- Certificate of Eligibility for General Practitioner Registration (CEGPR), United Kingdom

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