

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 2-15 and 2-16 of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* state:

Provisional - family

- 2-15 (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 2-17, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) meet one of the following requirements:
 - (i) if they have completed a family medicine program in Canada after July 1, 2010, but have not obtained certification with the CFPC, they 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) 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,

- (iii) have obtained certification with the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians, or
 - (iv) have successfully completed a practice ready assessment, 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

- 2-16 (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 2-17, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
 - (b) have met one of the following requirements:
 - (i) have obtained RCPSC certification;
 - (ii) if they have trained in an RCPSC specialty program in Canada but have not obtained RCPSC certification, they 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 a foreign jurisdiction where such training meets the criteria for a RCPSC ruling to access RCPSC certification through examinations, acceptable to the registration committee, or
 - (iv) have successfully completed a practice ready assessment, 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)]
- Certificate of Eligibility for General Practitioner Registration (CEGPR), United Kingdom

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

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