



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

# Registration Policy

## Route to Licensure: Fast-Track Licensure

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the eligibility criteria for physicians applying for registration and licensure in the full-family or full-specialty class via the fast-tracked licensure route.

### DEFINITIONS

- home jurisdiction** The Canadian province or territory from which the physician is applying, i.e.:
- where the physician considers their primary residence pursuant to the Canadian Income Tax Act; and
  - where the physician has practised continuously for the past three years.
- receiving jurisdiction** The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College).

### POLICY

To be eligible for registration and licensure in the full-family or full-specialty class via the fast-tracked licensure route, an applicant must

- hold a full, unrestricted licence with the medical regulatory authority in their home jurisdiction for a minimum of three years in the preceding years, with no continuous breaks in service of more than three months during those three years,
- hold Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) designation or have the full complement of the USMLE (Step 1, 2 Clinical Skills and Clinical Knowledge, 3),
- hold certification with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians (CCFP),
- provide a certificate of professional conduct from the applicant's home jurisdiction, satisfactory to the receiving jurisdiction with no open complaints, open investigations, disciplinary actions, pending or concluded, undertaken by the medical regulatory authority or another recognized authority (e.g. health-care institution) against the physician in the home jurisdiction (and other prior jurisdictions of licensure),
- be compliant with continuing professional development (CPD) requirements in the home jurisdiction, and

- submit an Application for Fast-Tracked Licensure form to the College and fulfill all other requirements as required by the College.

Applicants for fast-tracked registration and licensure should not submit application via the Application for Medical Registration in Canada (AMRC) portal. Applicants should contact the College via email at [registration@cpsbc.ca](mailto:registration@cpsbc.ca) to begin the application process.

Applicants for fast-tracked registration and licensure are not required to provide evidence of English language proficiency as they have met the English language proficiency requirements in their home jurisdiction.

The College may require additional steps or information from the applicant, including, but not limited to, information related to names and former names, mailing addresses, criminal record checks and any ongoing health monitoring arrangements or agreements.

The College has the right to determine that an applicant is not eligible for fast-tracked licensure and to direct the applicant to other available routes to registration.

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