Provisional Licensure

AMERICAN POSTGRADUATE TRAINING IN A SPECIALTY RECOGNIZED BY RCPSC

2.5 PHYSICIANS ELIGIBLE TO CHALLENGE CERTIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF THE RCPSC

To qualify for a provisional licence, a physician who has American postgraduate training in a Specialty recognized by RCPSC and who *are eligible* to challenge the certifying examinations of RCPSC must:

1. Demonstrate that the physician meets the requirements that apply to all applicants for licensure:

    - English Language Proficiency*, and
    - Credential Verification*, and
    - Examinations, and
    - Currency of Practice, and
    - Good Character, and
    - Good Standing.

    (Please see the requirements page for details regarding the above points); ***and,***

2. Have received a ruling from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada that they are eligible to challenge the Royal College examination in their specialty; ***and***

3. The MCCQE1 or medical licensing examinations in the United States of America acceptable to Council.

To seek a regular licence the physician must choose one of the 2 pathway options:

1. Examination Route to Regular Licensure for physicians with American Postgraduate Training
a. By attaining Royal College certification and either attaining the LMCC designation or successfully completing medical licensing examinations in the United States of America acceptable to the Council; ***or,***
b. By attaining Royal College certification and successfully engaging in supervised practice in Canada for five years;
2. Practice Assessment Route to Regular Licensure for physicians with American Postgraduate Training
a. Successfully completed a period of practice while under a provisional licence;
and,
b. Been successful in an assessment which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant has appropriate skill, knowledge and suitability to practise independently

Note: *the choice between the practice assessment or examination route is* ***final*** *and cannot be changed.*

**** Required if you are a physician with a foreign medical degree.***