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### **Saskatchewan now on board with national portal streamlining path to Canadian medical registration**

Ottawa – The Medical Council of Canada (MCC) and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) announced today that Saskatchewan is now accepting applications for medical registration through the new national portal, [physiciansapply.ca](http://physiciansapply.ca). Saskatchewan is the fourth medical regulatory jurisdiction in Canada to integrate *physiciansapply.ca* into its application process.

**physiciansapply.ca** is a new, centralized system for exam registration that also receives, reviews, verifies and stores the credentials and documents of candidates from across Canada and around the world. Candidates will be able to securely and easily apply for MCC exams, view exam results, submit credentials and documents for verification, access a translation service for medical credentials, and send applications to specific Canadian jurisdictions.

"We are delighted to have the CPSS using the application for medical registration process," said Dr. Ian Bowmer, Executive Director of the MCC. "This process leverages the functionality in the candidate's *physiciansapply.ca* account, and helps to streamline the application to one or more medical regulatory authorities."

The project was funded by Employment and Social Development Canada, the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada and its members, and the MCC with the CPSS a key partner.

The application for medical registration is now open to all new candidates for independent registration in Saskatchewan. Those candidates include Canadian medical residents, practising physicians relocating from other Canadian jurisdictions to Saskatchewan, and physicians from outside of the country.

"We are very happy to join the ranks of Alberta, Nova Scotia and Quebec in accepting applications through this initiative," said Dr. Karen Shaw, Registrar of the CPSS. "This will greatly facilitate our work and allow us to process applications in a more timely fashion".

Additional medical regulatory authorities from across Canada are set to adopt the new application process in the coming months.

Once the process is fully deployed across Canada, candidates will be able to use the system to apply to one or more jurisdictions at the same time. However, each jurisdiction will continue to assess applications based on its own criteria.

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