

# **Provisional Licensure**



Physicians with Postgraduate Training taken in a country other than the United States or Canada in a specialty recognized by the RCPSC and who are eligible to challenge the certification examinations of the RCPSC

### This section applies to physicians who:

- a) have International Postgraduate Training in a Specialty recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada;
- b) have 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
- c) do not qualify for a provisional licence on the basis that they currently hold a licence to practise medicine in Canada.

## To qualify for a provisional licence, such a physician must:

- a) 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,

b) 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.

Conditions related to provisional licensure for Physicians with International Postgraduate Training in a Specialty Recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and who are eligible to challenge the certification examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

#### There are two pathways to licensure:

or,

- a) The physician will be required to elect, within a period established by the Council, to seek regular licensure:
  - (i) by meeting the condition of supervised practice and assessment;
  - (ii) 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.
  - b) An election made to choose the assessment or examination licensure pathway is final and cannot be changed.

#### The examination licensure pathway:

- a) A physician who has elected to seek regular licensure by the examination licensure pathway is required to:
  - (i) successfully practise with a supervisor until that physician meets the requirements for a regular licence;
  - (ii) attain certification with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada within the period of eligibility with the Royal College;

and,

- (iii) attain the LMCC or successfully complete medical licensing examinations in the United States of America acceptable to the Council within 5 years of first licensure on a provisional licence.
- b) The licence of a physician who has elected to seek regular licensure by the examination licensure pathway will automatically be revoked and cease to be valid if the physician:
  - (i) fails to successfully practise with a supervisor until that physician meets the requirements for a regular licence;

or,

(ii) fails to attain certification with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada within the period of eligibility with the Royal College;

or,

(iii) fails to attain the LMCC or successfully complete medical licensing examinations in the United States of America acceptable to the Council within 5 years of first licensure on a provisional licence.

# The supervised practice and assessment licensure pathway:

- a) A physician who has elected to seek regular licensure by meeting the condition of supervised practice and assessment is required to:
  - (i) successfully practise with a supervisor for a period of at least one year in Saskatchewan;

and,

- (ii) successfully complete an assessment which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant has appropriate skill, knowledge or suitability to practise independently.
- b) If a physician has not met the requirements for a regular licence and is not practising under supervision, or the supervision does not comply with the requirements for supervision established by the Council, the Registrar will notify the physician of the Registrar's intention to suspend the physician's licence. The Registrar may suspend the physician's licence if the physician is not practising under supervision within 15 days after notice is given.
- c) The licence of a physician who has elected to seek regular licensure by meeting the condition of supervised practice and assessment will automatically be revoked and cease to be valid if the physician fails to successfully complete the supervised practice or the assessment.

<sup>\*</sup> Required if you are a physician with a foreign medical degree.