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physiciansapply.ca is a centralized, confidential website for medical students, international medical graduates, and Canadian medical graduates to:

- Apply for medical registration.
- Register for exams and see exam results.
- Verify and store their medical credentials.
- Share credentials and documents with registered organizations.
- Have their credentials and other related documents translated.
- Request an Educational Credential Assessment for immigration to Canada.

CANADIAN RESIDENT MATCHING SERVICE (CaRMS)

The [Canadian Resident Matching Service \(CaRMS\)](https://caarms.ca) is a national, independent, not-for-profit, fee-for-service organization that provides a fair, objective and transparent application and matching service for medical training throughout Canada.

- CaRMS uses a [Match Algorithm](#) to match students into postgraduate medical training programs throughout Canada.
- The R-1 Main Residency Match is for entry level postgraduate positions and is offered in two iterations each year.
- The first iteration is available to all graduating students and prior year graduates from Canada and the US who meet the basic eligibility criteria and have no prior postgraduate training in Canada or the US. It is also open to graduates from international medical schools (IMGs) who meet the basic criteria and have no prior postgraduate training in Canada or the US.
- The second iteration includes positions and applicants not matched in the first iteration, as well as applicants with previous Canadian or US postgraduate training and other applicants who did not participate in the first iteration.
- Consult the [eligibility criteria](#) on the CaRMS website for more information.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

As a CMG, you may be required to take an English language proficiency exam if your medical degree was obtained from a medical school where the instruction was not English (e.g. French), and if the primary language of patient care was not English.

- The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) provides a reliable and internationally accessible means to demonstrate language proficiency.
- The IELTS Academic test is the only version accepted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.
- More information about English language proficiency requirements can be found on the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC website: www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/REG-ELP.pdf.

You are exempt from taking the English language proficiency exam if your medical degree was obtained in the English language, the primary language of patient care was English and the first and native language of where the medical degree was obtained is English.

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA QUALIFYING EXAMINATION PART I (MCCQE 1)

This is an exam which must be completed to continue into postgraduate training in Canada. Over a full day, this computer-based test assesses your knowledge, clinical skills, and attitudes.

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA QUALIFYING EXAMINATION PART II (MCCQE 2)

This is an exam which must be completed to ensure licensing for independent clinical practice in Canada. Over two days, (for a total of 3.5 hours), this exam assesses your clinical competency through a series of clinical simulation stations.

LICENTIATE OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA

This is the certification received once you have passed the MCCQE 1 and 2 examinations.

CERTIFICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF CANADA (CCFP)

This is certification awarded by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and is needed to obtain a full licence to practice in BC, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BC

- The regulatory body of the practice of medicine in British Columbia; all physicians who practice medicine in the province must be registrants of the College.
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- All non-Canadian credentials will require source verification.
- A flow chart for the pre-screening process for eligibility is available online at: www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/REG-Full-Prov-GP.pdf.

HEALTH MATCH BC

[Health Match BC](#) is a free professional recruitment service, funded by the provincial government, for general practitioners and other health professionals. Health Match:

- Provides licensing, immigration, and other information important for physicians interested in practicing in British Columbia.
- Posts permanent job opportunities for general practitioners and other health professionals on its website.

- Refers candidates to recruiting organizations, including Divisions of Family Practice.
- Attends medical conferences and recruitment events across Canada and internationally to attract physicians in short supply.
- To access Health Match BC's job postings, and other services, registration is required (it's free).

FULL LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

Well done! You are now ready to look for a job or to go out there and practice in BC. Fully licensed family physicians registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC are permitted to practice medicine in a community of their choice without sponsorship or supervision.

Remember, there are many supports help you have a fulfilling experience as a general practitioner in BC. These supports include local Divisions of Family Practice and their partners who can help transition to your new practice by connecting you with the medical and greater community.