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### PHYSICIANSAPPLY.CA

[physiciansapply.ca](http://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.

### HEALTH MATCH BC

[Health Match BC](http://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).

## REGIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

These are the certification examinations which are taken in their countries of origin to become a specialist in Family Medicine and which are needed for CFPC certification without examination.

- United Kingdom – MRCGP
- Ireland – MICGP
- Australia – FRACGP or FACRRM
- USA – ABFM

## IMMIGRATION INFORMATION - APPLICATION TO WORK IN CANADA

An international medical graduate who is not already a permanent resident or citizen of Canada will need to apply for a permit to work in Canada through Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

- International medical graduates may be able to apply for a temporary residence permit which allows working in Canada, then submit an application for permanent residency after a period of time.
- All the information about applying is available online at: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/)
- Health Match BC is very helpful with questions about how to obtain the necessary forms and Labour Market Opinion for working in Canada.
- If you currently hold a non-permanent visa/permit for Canada, please ensure that it permits the employment you are seeking in BC – you may need to apply for a new visa/permit if your current document limits you to practice in another province.
- If you are seeking permanent residency or Canadian citizenship, be sure to confirm the length of time the process will take.

## 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](http://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/REG-Full-Prov-GP.pdf)

## PROVISIONAL LICENSURE IN BC

A provisional licence permits you to practice medicine with limits and conditions granted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

## 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.

## MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA EVALUATING EXAMINATION

This exam must be taken to practice medicine in Canada if you are graduating or graduated from a medical school outside Canada which is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.

About the exam:

- Four-hour, computer-based exam.
- Assesses basic medical knowledge in 180 multiple choice questions.
- May be taken in English or French.
- Preparation resources can be found online at: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccee/exam-preparation-resources/>

- Need a [physiciansapply.ca](http://physiciansapply.ca) account and log in to the portal to apply.
- 500 test centres all over the world with listings can be found online at: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccee/exam-preparation-resources/>
- There are several sessions throughout the year with opportunities to take the exam.

### EXEMPTION FROM THE MCCEE EXAMINATION

You may be eligible for an exemption from sitting this exam if you graduated from a Canadian medical school or obtained the CCFP without examination (via reciprocity). If you determine that you are eligible for this exemption, you will need to apply for certification to sit the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I:

- You must be certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada or a member of the American Board of Specialties.
- You must be a graduate from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.
- You will need an account at [physiciansapply.ca](http://physiciansapply.ca).
- In the portal you will need to apply for a Source Verification Request if not done so already.
- Apply for an exemption, pay the fee and submit your certificate.
- Applicants who hold a complete set of US licensing examinations (USMLEs, FLEX, COMLEX, or NBME) do not need to sit any MCC examinations, including the MCCEE.

### 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.

### FULL LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

Well done! You are now ready to look for a job or to go out there and practice in BC.

To obtain full licensure in BC, you must:

- Be a graduate from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.
- Hold the LMCC or a complete set of US licensing examinations (all steps of USMLEs, FLEX, COMLEX, or NBME).
- Hold CCFP Certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (by examination or reciprocity).
- Be a citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.

Physicians who currently hold Provisional licensure in BC must meet all of the above requirements and complete at least three months of supervised practice before they can be considered for transfer to the Full class. Any physician with Return of Service obligations may be required to complete these before consideration for transfer to the Full class.

If you have met all the relevant requirements above, contact the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC to request a transfer to Full licensure. If you require assistance obtaining permanent residence or Canadian citizenship, Health Match BC may be able to assist you in this process.

*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.*