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PHYSICIANSAPPLY.CA

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 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/
- 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.

CANADIAN RESIDENT MATCHING SERVICE (CaRMS)

The [Canadian Resident Matching Service \(CaRMS\)](#) 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.

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

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 account and log in to the portal to apply.
- 500 test centres all over the world with listings online at: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccee/list-of-countries-for-prometric-centres/>
- There are several sessions throughout the year with opportunities to take the exam.

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.

RETURN OF SERVICE

All international medical graduates who complete their medical residency in BC are required to do a Return of service for two years in underserved areas of British Columbia. A Return of service contract is attached to an IMG position for the two year period.

Return of service obligations vary from province to province. Provincial criteria for each province and a Return of service draft contract can be found on the [CaRMS website](http://CaRMS.ca).

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.