

## Registration Policies

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The following conditions are to be applied in relation to a defined license in family medicine. These are to be read in conjunction with clauses 14 through 17 of the Regulations for Registration.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All candidates must be graduates from a university or school of medicine found in the latest edition of the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) of the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER), and include those schools of osteopathic medicine in the United States of America that are listed in that FAIMER Directory.
2. All candidates must pass one of the following examinations: the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I, FLEX, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), or United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps I and II before consideration for licensure.
3. Candidates may be required to be interviewed by the Registrar.
4. Training and licensed practice experience must be acceptable to the College.
5. All candidates for a defined license must have a sponsor and mentor.
6. All candidates may be required to have a formal clinical assessment in a recognized Canadian physician assessment program approved by Council. The program approved by Council is the Clinician Assessment for Practice Program (CAPP).

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **If you are a Canadian or US trained family physician you must:**
  - a. have completed two (2) years of postgraduate training in Family Medicine (or equivalent) in Canada or have satisfactorily completed a three (3) year ACGME accredited postgraduate training program in Family

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Medicine in the US with supporting documentation **and** be a Diplomate of the American Board in Family Medicine; **AND**

- b. have passed one of the examinations listed in # 2 of the General Requirements.

**2. If you have Canadian or US practice experience you must:**

- a. have completed postgraduate training acceptable to the College; **AND**
- b. have at least one (1) year of licensed family medicine practice experience in Canada or the United States; **AND**
- c. have one of the examinations listed in # 2 of the General Requirements.

**3. If you have completed family medicine training and certification in:**

- a. Australia through the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian Medical Council; **OR**
- b. Ireland through the Irish College of General Practitioners and the Irish Medical Council; **OR**
- c. the United Kingdom through the Royal College of General Practitioners and the General Medical Council; **AND**
- d. have passed one of the examinations listed in # 2 of the General Requirements.

**4. If you do not have any Canadian or US training or practice experience or training and certification from Australia, Ireland or the United Kingdom, as stated in 1, 2 and 3, you must:**

- a. have training and family medicine practice experience acceptable to the College. This consists of:

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- i. a one (1) year rotating internship (or equivalent) **AND** have at least two (2) years of licensed family medicine practice experience or equivalent acceptable to the Registrar; **OR**
- ii. a two (2) year training program equivalent to family medicine **AND** have at least one (1) year of licensed family medicine practice experience or equivalent acceptable to the Registrar; **AND**
- b. have passed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) – Part I; **AND**
- c. have a formal clinical assessment in a recognized Canadian physician assessment program approved by Council. The program approved by Council is the Clinical Assessment for Practice Program (CAPP).

### LMCC AND CCFP REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL REGISTRATION

**Full Registration** as a Family Physician in Nova Scotia requires that the candidate holds the LMCC\* and CCFP. \*LMCC (*Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada*) requires successful completion of MCCQE1 and MCCQE11. Physicians granted Defined Licenses for family practice are required to attain LMCC and CCFP and become fully licensed within four (4) years of obtaining a Defined License. This means that:

1. Candidates must pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination – Part 2 (LMCC) within four (4) years from the time of receiving a Defined License.

**AND**

2. Candidates must pass the certification examination of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and become certificants of the CFPC by the practice eligible route within four (4) years from the time of receiving a Defined License.

If a candidate does not attain the LMCC and become a certificant of the CFPC within four (4) years, the candidate's Defined License will not be renewed at the time of the next annual renewal unless the candidate requests an

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extension and **a**) the candidate can demonstrate that extenuating circumstances (such as illness or exam cancellations) prevented him/her from sitting the requisite examinations, in which case the Registrar may exercise his/her discretion in allowing an extension of this time limit by one year to allow the candidate to make further attempts to attain these requirements; or **b**) the candidate agrees to undergo a practice assessment deemed acceptable to the Credentials Committee.

### PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

If a candidate has been unable to attain the LMCC and CCFP within the time limit prescribed by the conditions of their Defined License, excepting exemptions as in (a) above, the Registrar may grant an extension of their Defined License eligibility allowing one further annual renewal of licensure, **only** if the candidate agrees in writing to undergo a **practice assessment** acceptable to the Credentials Committee. The Registrar will only consider this option if the candidate can demonstrate that they have unsuccessfully attempted the MCCQE1 or MCCQE11 and / or CCRP examinations.

Once the practice assessment has been completed, the assessment report will be presented to the Credentials Committee for evaluation. If the results of the practice assessment are satisfactory, the Credentials Committee may recommend that annual license renewal will be allowed for the subsequent two (2) calendar years. If, based on an unsatisfactory practice assessment, the committee does not recommend further annual license renewal, the candidate will be advised that they must wind up their practice in Nova Scotia by December 31 of the current year. If the results of the practice assessment reveal a risk to patient safety as a result of failure to meet the expected level of competence, conduct or fitness to practice, the Credentials Committee will refer the matter to the Registrar for action.

Once granted the extension, it is recommended that the candidate register for and prepare for the next sitting of the MCCQE1 or MCCQE11 and / or CCFP examination for which he/she is eligible.

If the three (3) year extension period expires without the candidate attaining the LMCC / CCFP as required, renewal of the Defined License may be conditional upon further clinical competency assessment.

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Once the candidate holds the LMCC and attains the CCFP, providing all other requirements for full licensure have been met, he/she will be eligible for a Full License.

Practice assessments under this policy will be at the candidate's expense.