

Frequently Asked Questions **physiciansapply.ca**

1. **Why do I need a physiciansapply.ca account?**

- Every Canadian medical regulatory authority will require applicants for certain licence types to establish a physiciansapply.ca account. This includes physicians who will be finishing their Canadian residency training within the next three months, practising physicians relocating within Canada, and applicants from outside the country.
- In the near future, physiciansapply.ca will enable you to apply for licensure in other Canadian jurisdictions much more easily.
- Your core medical credentials and Medical Council of Canada (MCC) exam results are stored in the physiciansapply.ca system, and can be readily retrieved for future use, subject to your authorization.
- If you obtained any of your medical credentials outside Canada, you may be required to request source verification of those credentials through physiciansapply.ca.

2. **I already have an account(s) with the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) and / or Physician Credentials Registry of Canada (PCRC). Do I still need a physiciansapply.ca account?**

Yes. The next time you attempt to log in to your MCC or PCRC account, you will be re-directed to physiciansapply.ca. All of your MCC and PCRC data will be transferred to physiciansapply.ca and will be available through your new account.

3. **What can I do with my physiciansapply.ca account?**

You can:

- Apply for licensure or registration to an increasing number of medical regulatory authorities in Canada.
- Submit requests to have your credentials source verified
- Share medical credentials stored in the MCC Physician Credentials Repository (PCR)
- Apply for MCC exams
- View and share your MCC exam results

4. **How is having a physiciansapply.ca account an advantage for me?**

You will find that physiciansapply.ca is more efficient and will save you time.

- The previous MCC-Online (exam) and PCRC-Online (repository) systems have been replaced with physiciansapply.ca. Everything is now stored in one centralized system.
- Electronic forms that you complete using physiciansapply.ca will pre-populate with the information stored in your physiciansapply.ca account.

- With your consent, regulatory authorities and other medical organizations will be able to view your credentials and exam results through the portal.
- Applying to multiple jurisdictions will be easier. Most jurisdictions ask candidates many of the same questions. You will only have to answer common questions once if applying to more than one jurisdiction through physiciansapply.ca. You will also have to answer questions that are unique to each jurisdiction. Your answers to these questions will only be seen by the applicable jurisdiction.
- In the near future, a new translation service will be offered for credentials and documents requiring translation.

5. Can I apply for a licence to practise medicine in Nova Scotia through physiciansapply.ca?

Yes, physicians applying for a Full, Defined, Clinical Assistant, Academic or Temporary Licence or for a review of qualifications will go through physiciansapply.ca. Application packages for other licences not available through physiciansapply.ca can be accessed directly from CPSNS's [website](#).

It is important to understand that the process of reviewing applications and issuing licences to practise medicine will remain a provincial/territorial responsibility. physiciansapply.ca is intended as a national conduit for physicians taking MCC exams, applying for licensure and requesting source verification of credentials. There is no national practice licence/permit, and participating in physiciansapply.ca does not guarantee a licence will be issued.

6. Will the CPSNS see my application to other jurisdictions?

No, we only see your application to Nova Scotia. We will not see your answers to the unique questions asked by other jurisdictions, nor will we know if you are simultaneously submitting applications elsewhere.

7. Is there a cost to register with physiciansapply.ca?

Any fee required to use physiciansapply.ca will be determined by MCC.

8. I have already had several of my documents verified through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) - EICS. Are these verifications still valid?

Documents that have been previously source verified through ECFMG/EICS must still be submitted for source verification through physiciansapply.ca. The MCC utilizes ECFMG/EICS services to source verify medical credentials and ECFMG/EICS will verify its database upon receipt of a source verification request. If a document is found to have been previously verified by ECFMG/EICS, a new verification request will not be sent to the issuing institution and the existing verification report will be sent to physiciansapply.ca.

For more information, e-mail registration@cpsns.ns.ca or go to physiciansapply.ca.