

Newly-graduated, Canadian-trained PGTs: Licensing Fees During COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PGT LICENSURE

Medical regulators across the country offer a full medical license to qualified applicants who have successfully completed medical examinations and obtained certification.

Due to the pandemic, Colleges are offering provisional licensure to PGTs in light of the postponement of examinations and certification by:

- [Medical Council of Canada,](#)
- [Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada,](#) and
- [College of Family Physicians of Canada.](#)

PGT PROVISIONAL LICENSE IN NOVA SCOTIA

If you have not completed your licensing examinations or obtained certification, be assured that this delay will not negatively affect your medical licensure.

The Nova Scotia Medical Act and regulations requires that all provisionally licensed physicians undergo and pay for supervision. The College has made every effort to align with these legislated requirements while minimizing the impact on PGTs in this extraordinary time. This includes waiving fees for supervision, instituting basic minimal supervision and waiving fees associated with the review of qualifications.

We understand the pandemic has created a stressful situation for newly-graduated, Canadian-trained for PGTs.

Please review the PGT licensing options below. The options available aim to streamline licensure for PGTs while minimizing administrative red tape and associated costs.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: registration@cpsns.ns.ca

LICENSING OPTIONS FOR NEWLY-GRADUATED, CANADIAN-TRAINED PGTs

Are you a PGT who has not taken certification exams and have obtained your LMCC?

To qualify for this Defined licence you must:

- be Canadian-trained;
- be eligible for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada certification examinations; **AND**
- have obtained the LMCC.

If you wish to practice in Nova Scotia from June 1, 2020 onward, the fees will be as follows:

- \$450 College application fee, collected through physiciansapply
- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee (if practising between June 1 – December 31, 2020) or \$300 per month if applying for November and/or December 2020 only and
- the annual license fee for 2021 (for 2020 it is \$1950) paid at the time of annual renewal (paid in November for the upcoming year)

If you only want to practice for a period of one or two months before you write your certification exam this option is as follows:

- The \$450 College application fee, collected through physiciansapply **and**
- The monthly license fee is \$300 for each 30-day period
- You are placed on basic supervision which is minimal oversight by a physician in or near your locations practicing within a similar scope and selected by the NSHA
- Supervision fees are waived
- Review of qualification fee is waived (this will be reimbursed at \$350 - once the balance of the application is received)

If you decide to stay beyond this period, fee implications are the following:

- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee (if continuing to practice between June 1 – December 31, 2020) or \$300 per month if applying for November and/or December 2020 only and
- the annual license fee for 2021 (for 2020 it is \$1950) paid at the time of annual renewal (paid in November for the upcoming year)

If you wish to extend your license beyond one or two months and if you fail the certification examination in fall 2020, you will be required to pay:

- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee (if continuing to practice between June 1 – December 31, 2020) **or** \$300 per month if applying for November and/or December 2020 only **and**
- supervision fees at \$3600/year paid quarterly **and**

- the annual license fee for 2021 (for 2020 it is \$1950) paid at the time of annual renewal (paid in November for the upcoming year)

Are you a PGT who has not taken certification exams and previously failed the MCCQE Part II?

If you have not passed the MCCQE2, and you otherwise qualify, you will be placed on a typical Defined licence on standard level supervision. Standard level supervision requires a supervisor who will review patient records, observe direct or indirect patient care encounters / procedures, perform medical colleague interviews and review of the physician's continuing professional development. All supervision activities are documented via the College's on-line supervision portal. Each cycle of standard level supervision is one year in duration. Supervision activities continue until a Full licence has been achieved.

Those requiring Standard level supervision must pay supervision fees

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- be Canadian-trained;
- be eligible for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada certification examinations; **AND**
- be eligible for the Medical Council of Canada Exam Part II.

If you wish to practice in Nova Scotia between June 1 – December 31, 2020 the option is as follows:

- The \$450 College application fee, collected through physiciansapply **and**
- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee **and**
- You will be placed on Standard level supervision and required to pay supervision fees at \$3600/year paid quarterly until you obtain both certification and the LMCC **and**
- the annual license fee for 2021 (for 2020 it is \$1950) paid at the time of annual renewal (paid in November for the upcoming year)
- Review of qualification fee is waived (this will be reimbursed at \$350 - once the balance of the application is received)

Are you a PGT who has not taken certification exams and not attempted the MCCQE II?

To qualify for this Defined licence you must:

- be Canadian-trained;
- be eligible for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or College of Family Physicians of Canada certification examinations; **AND**
- be eligible for the Medical of Council Canada Exam Part II and not previously attempted this exam.

If you wish to practice in Nova Scotia from June 1, 2020 onward, the fees will be as follows:

- \$450 College application fee, collected through physiciansapply
- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee (if practising between June 1 – December 31, 2020) or \$300 per month if applying for November and/or December 2020 only and
- the annual license fee for 2021 (for 2020 it is \$1950) paid at the time of annual renewal (paid in November for the upcoming year)

If you only want to practice for a period of one or two months before you write your certification exam this option is as follows:

- The \$450 College application fee, collected through physiciansapply **and**
- The monthly license fee is \$300 for each 30-day period
- You are placed on basic supervision which is minimal oversight by a physician in or near your locations practicing within a similar scope and selected by the NSHA
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- \$850 one-time registration fee **and**
- \$975 half year license fee (if continuing to practice between June 1 – December 31, 2020) **or** \$300 per month if applying for November and/or December 2020 only **and**
- supervision fees at \$3600/year paid quarterly **and**
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