

Acceptable Alternatives to the LMCC

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| Section: | Registration | | |
| Applicable Legislation: | Section 19(3)(a)(ii), 59(1)(a-b) of the Medical Practitioners Regulations | | |
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PREAMBLE

Section 19 of the Medical Practitioners Regulations states that one of the requirements for registration is “a licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, or an acceptable alternative as determined by resolution of Council”.

PURPOSE

This policy sets out the acceptable alternatives to the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC), as determined by resolution of Council.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all physicians applying for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (the College).

POLICY

The following are acceptable alternatives to the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) in an application for registration:

- a) United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2 and 3; or
- b) Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) Components 1 and 2; or
- c) National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Parts I, II, and III; or
- d) The Comprehensive Osteopathic Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) Levels 1, 2 and 3. (This applies only to graduates of osteopathic schools accredited by the American Osteopathic Association);

OR

- e) An assessment of practice that is satisfactory to the Registrar;

OR

- f) A recognized MD¹ together with a pass standing in the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I and at least one year of verified² postgraduate training.

OR

- g) Confirmation of a minimum of five years of postgraduate training and/or independent practice in the specialty for which they intend to practise. Independent practice experience must be a minimum of 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) at a minimum of 900 hours per year.

RESOURCES

1. [University or School Approved by Council](#)
2. [How to have your medical credentials source verified \(physiciansapply.ca\)](#)