

Provisional Register Policy

POLICY TITLE	Conditional Practice – Academic Appointment
PURPOSE	Ensure all physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who have not met the requirements for the General Register but have been recruited to a full-time academic position at a Faculty of Medicine in Alberta, have the required training and competencies to practise medicine safely.
SCOPE	This policy applies to physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who do not meet CPSA’s criteria for the General Register but who have been recruited to a full-time academic position at a Faculty of Medicine in Alberta because of their expertise or international reputation.
NOTES	<p>This form of registration is valid only while the member’s academic appointment is ongoing. This registration is not mobile under the Canada Free Trade Agreement because it is conditional on an academic appointment.</p> <p>If candidates do not hold an academic appointment, they are required to satisfy the criteria of the General or Provisional Register, Conditional Practice.</p> <p>Candidates with part-time academic, special continuing or clinical academic appointments are not eligible for this form of registration and must satisfy all of the requirements of the General Register or the Provisional Register Conditional Practice.</p> <p>Candidates are accountable for their medical practice without supervision by another physician or CPSA, and are the most responsible physician in the care of their patients.</p>

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POLICY STATEMENT

Physicians, surgeons and osteopaths applying for the Provisional Register Conditional Practice, Academic Appointments, must:

- 1) Have a **medical degree** from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools at the time the candidate completed the program. Otherwise, they must have a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from a school in the United States, accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.

- 2) Meet discipline-appropriate [postgraduate training requirements](#). The requirements for Family Medicine and other Specialities are outlined below.
 - a) **Family Medicine** – The physician must successfully complete a continuous Family Medicine postgraduate training program and have a verifiable document of completion, as well as recognition of Family Medicine specialty certification. The program must be at least 24 months long and include four months of community-based primary care and a minimum of eight weeks each of three of the following: Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Surgery, and Internal Medicine.
 - b) **Specialty & Sub-Specialty** – The physician must successfully complete at least **48 months** of discipline-specific **postgraduate specialty training** and have a verifiable document of completion. The training and certification must also be substantively equivalent to the postgraduate training required from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- 3) Provide CPSA with **an employment letter from the university’s Dean of the Faculty of Medicine**. The letter must confirm the physician has been recruited to a full-time academic appointment. The university is involved in recruiting and hiring the candidate. The candidate is employed by the university, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and is subject to full faculty evaluations.
- 4) The requirement to pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1 (MCC QE1) and to successfully complete a Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA) is waived. The physician’s practice permit may have restrictions imposed to reflect their current scope of practice.
- 5) **The MCCQE1 and PRA will NOT be waived** for part-time academic, special continuing academic or clinical academic appointments.
- 6) Submit a satisfactory [criminal record check](#).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [English language proficiency policy](#)
- [Criminal record check policy](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine applications for registration under sections 28 to 30 of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA). Section 20 of the HPA allows the Registrar to delegate functions and duties to another person. The Registrar has delegated his duties and responsibility under Part 2 of the HPA to the Deputy Registrar responsible for registration.

APPROVAL

Council governing the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- [Health Professions Act](#)
- [Health Professions Act: Physicians, Surgeons and Osteopaths Profession Regulation](#)
- [CPSA Bylaws](#)