

# Provisional Register Policy

POLICY TITLE	Conditional Practice – General Practice/Family Medicine
PURPOSE	Ensure all physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who have not met the requirements for CPSA's General Register have the required training and competencies to practise medicine safely.
SCOPE	<p>This policy applies to physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are registered on CPSA's Provisional Register to practise medicine independently and</li> <li>are the most responsible physician in the care of their patients.</li> </ul> <p>CPSA's Provisional Register permit is for regulated members who have not met the requirements for a General Register, which includes the requirements to have their Canadian credentials.</p>
NOTES	<p>The Provisional Register Conditional Practice may be subject to terms, limitations, conditions and/or restrictions. This includes, but is not limited to, a requirement to successfully complete a Practice Readiness Assessment.</p> <p>Registration on CPSA's Provisional Register is valid for a maximum of six years unless an extension is granted by the Registrar in extenuating circumstances in accordance with the Physicians, Surgeons and Osteopath Regulations.</p> <p>Physicians must meet certain criteria in order to be transferred to the General Register. Ongoing sponsorship is a condition of registration on the Provisional Register.</p>

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## POLICY STATEMENT

Physicians who have **not** met the requirements for the General Register may take one of three routes to obtain a provisional permit. They must meet specific criteria—outlined below—for their route.

**Route 1** – Candidates who do **not have eligibility** to receive College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) designation 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) **Have passed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam Part 1 (MCCQE1)** or the equivalent United States Medical Licensure Examinations (USMLE).
- 3) Have passed the MCC [Therapeutics Decision Making Exam](#) (TDM).
- 4) Demonstrate [English language proficiency](#), if applicable.
- 5) Submit a satisfactory [criminal record check](#).
- 6) Successfully complete a continuous Family Medicine [postgraduate training program](#) outside Canada and have a verifiable document of completion. The program has to 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.
- 7) Demonstrate **currency of practice**. This includes evidence of being in discipline-specific postgraduate training or discipline-specific independent practice for one (1) year within the last three (3) years.
- 8) Have a [sponsorship letter](#).
- 9) Have passed a [Practice Readiness Assessment \(PRA\)](#). The PRA is comprised of a **Preliminary Clinical Assessment** and a **Supervised Practice Assessment**.

#### Route 2 – Candidates 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) **Have passed the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam Part 1 (MCCQE1)** or the equivalent United States Medical Licensure Examinations (USMLE).
- 3) Achieved certification with the [College of Family Physicians of Canada \(CFPC\)](#) or have a ruling that the candidate is eligible to receive the CFPC designation based on recognized training and certification outside Canada.
- 4) Demonstrate [English language proficiency](#), if applicable.
- 5) Submit a satisfactory [criminal record check](#).
- 6) Successfully complete a continuous Family Medicine [postgraduate training program](#) outside Canada and have a verifiable document of completion. The program has to 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.
- 7) Demonstrate **currency of practice**. This includes evidence of being in discipline-specific postgraduate training or discipline-specific independent practice within the last three years.
- 8) Have a [sponsorship letter](#).
- 9) Pass a [Supervised Practice Assessment](#).

**Route 3** – Candidates who may be eligible by [approved jurisdictions](#) 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) Demonstrate [English language proficiency](#), if applicable.
- 3) Submit a satisfactory [criminal record check](#). For the purposes of this Route only, candidates are required to provide a valid criminal record check from any jurisdiction where they have practiced for more than 90 days within the last five (5) years.
- 4) Successfully complete a continuous Family Medicine [postgraduate training program](#) outside Canada and have a verifiable document of completion and certification from one of the approved jurisdictions. The program has to 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.
- 5) Demonstrate **currency of practice**. This includes evidence of being in discipline-specific postgraduate training or discipline-specific independent practice within the last three years.
- 6) Have a [sponsorship letter](#).
- 7) Pass a [Supervised Practice Assessment](#).

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- [English language proficiency policy](#)
- [Criminal record check policy](#)
- [Therapeutics Decision Making Exam \(TDM\)](#)
- [Approved jurisdictions for Route 3](#)

## **AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS**

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