

POLICY TITLE	Change in Scope Assessment
PURPOSE	Ensure physicians who are already practicing in Alberta have the training, experience and competence to safely add medical services to their practice.
SCOPE	Change in scope for a physician on the Provisional or General Register may be services not previously provided, or services not provided regularly.
NOTES	<p>CPSA confirms the details of the necessary assessment and training to be arranged by the requesting physician. The associated costs are the responsibility of the requesting physician.</p> <p>Physicians currently registered with CPSA and have recently obtained certification from either the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), are not required to complete a Change in Scope Application Form. Such physicians need to contact registration@cpsa.ab.ca about their new credentials and a Registration Administrator will follow-up with next steps.</p>

LAST REVISED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
APPROVED BY COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

POLICY STATEMENT

Physicians applying for a change in scope of practice, who are currently registered with CPSA but have not recently been certified with either RCPSC or CFPC, must complete the following requirements:

- 1) Apply for a Change in Scope, using the application form provided on the CPSA website.
- 2) Clarify if the current scope of practice will be restricted or expanded and provide a description of the proposed changes.
- 3) Identify formal training taken related to the proposed practice area.
- 4) Identify if formal training is planned for the proposed practice area.
- 5) Identify if the proposed change in scope of practice applies to a group practice or hospital setting.
- 6) Comply with the assessment process, results and any actions required, following review by CPSA.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Change in Scope](#)
- [Application for a Change in Scope of Practice](#)
- [Re-entering Medical Practice or Changing Scope of Practice](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine applications for registration under sections 28 to 30 of the *Health Professions Act* (the 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 Assistant Registrar responsible for registration.

APPROVAL

Council governing the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

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