

POLICY TITLE	Return to Practice Assessment
PURPOSE	Ensure physicians who were previously registered in Alberta are ready for a safe return to practice.
SCOPE	Return to practice applies to those physicians previously registered in Alberta on either of the Provisional or General Register, who are no longer registered and/or have not practiced for three or more years.
NOTES	CPSA Assistant Registrar for Registration or designate(s) reviews the request and determines whether an assessment and additional training is required. CPSA confirms the details of the necessary assessment and training, which is to be arranged by the requesting physician. All associated costs are the responsibility of the requesting physician.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Physicians applying for a return to practice, who were registered with CPSA on either of the Provisional or General Register but have been absent for three or more years, must complete the following requirements:

- 1) Apply for a Return to Practice, using the application form provided on CPSA website.
- 2) Identify the length of time being out of practice in Alberta.
- 3) Identify scope of practice prior to absence.
- 4) Identify any formal training related to the proposed return to practice area within the past three years.
- 5) Identify if any formal training is planned, related to the proposed return to practice area.
- 6) Identify if the proposed return to practice applies to a group practice or hospital setting.
- 7) Comply with the assessment process, results and any actions required, following review by CPSA.
- 8) Submit a satisfactory criminal record check.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Return to Practice Information](#)
- [Application for Return to Practice](#)
- [Re-entering Medical Practice or Changing Scope of Practice](#)
- [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* (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](#)