

**From:** College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC  
**Subject:** Important and new information to be sent out to graduating residents  
**Date:** March 27, 2020

Hello,

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College) is aware that Canadian licensing and certification examinations have been postponed and that this impacts the licensing options available to graduating residents in Canada this year. What follows is the College's process to ensure the registration and licensure of qualifying graduating residents in the provisional class by July 1, 2020 with some significant variance from the usual requirements.

The College may waive the requirement for sponsorship and supervision that is usually expected of physicians who receive provisional registration and lack required certification examinations. We know that residents who successfully complete Canadian post graduate training programs have a very high pass rate on the certifying examinations (greater than 90%).

Please note if a graduating resident is expected to be working in a hospital setting, their anticipated start date is July 6, 2020 as the College will need to send a Certificate of Professional Conduct (CPC) to the appropriate Health Authority. For those doing community-based work the anticipated start date is July 1, 2020

Residents must meet all requirements of registration and licensure including the general requirements such as good professional conduct and character to qualify.

- Residents need to apply after April 1, 2020, but no later than May 6, 2020 through the Application of Medical Registration in Canada <https://physiciansapply.ca/>. UBC has already sent the College a list of all graduating residents who are anticipated to complete by June 30, 2020.
- Graduating resident applications for eligibility for registration and licensure will then be presented to the registration committee:
  - A bylaw is expected to be passed that will likely state "2-16(1)(f) If a graduate of a Canadian residency program in family medicine or a primary specialty recognized by the RCPSC in 2020, the requirements of 2-16 (1) (e) may be waived until the results are available from the next available sitting of the certification examinations of the CFPC, RCPSC, and the MCCQE Part II."
- The College will send a list of expected graduating residents who will likely be registered and licensed in the provisional class to Medical Services Plan.
- Qualifying graduating residents will then be registered in the provisional class.
- New registrants in the provisional class without certification and/or the LMCC must sit the certification examination or the MCCQE Part II at the next available sitting. Those registrants that do not pass the certification and/or the MCCQE Part II will be required to meet the sponsorship and supervision requirements outlined in section 2-16(1)(e). Those registrants that pass will be transferred to the full class.

If you have questions you may contact the College at [registration@cpsbc.ca](mailto:registration@cpsbc.ca) or 604-733-7758, extension 2626.

Additionally, please tell your graduating residents to lie (yes, you read that correctly!) on their application form In the “Canadian Certifications” or “LIMCC” section - screenshots attached. Instructions are as follows. Please note these instructions are only for residents whose residency programs are still ongoing at the time they apply – if their program is already finished and they do not have CCFP/LMCC/RCPSC, they will be filtered to provisional regardless.

- In the **Canadian Credentials** section, you must select “yes” for the first question
- You must select “in the process of obtaining” for the second question
- You must select your certifying body (CFPC or RCPSC)
  - For family medicine graduates, you must select “CCFP” under certification
  - For specialist graduates, you must select your primary specialty
- You must answer “no” to indicate you have not taken the certification examination
- You can enter any year from 2021 onwards for the eligibility expiry question
- You must answer “yes” to indicate that you have scheduled the certification examination
- You can enter any future date (prior to June 30) for the examination scheduled date
- If you do not hold the LMCC or USMLEs, you must enter the following in the **Exams/Certifications** section
  - You must answer “no” to the first question
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Best,  
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<p>This section refers to certification(s) you hold or you are in the process of obtaining from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the Collège des médecins du Québec (CMQ)</p>		
<p>* Do you currently hold or in the process of obtaining Canadian certification?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>		BC
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<p>* Certifying body:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)</p>		
<p>* Specialty: <input type="text" value="Anesthesiology"/></p>		
<p>* Have you taken the certification examination?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>		
<p>* Year in which eligibility expires: <input type="text" value="2023"/> YYYY</p>		
<p>* Have you scheduled the certification examination?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>		
<p>* Date examination is scheduled: <input type="text" value="2020-04-30"/> YYYY-MM-DD</p>		
<p><a href="#">+ ADD CANADIAN CERTIFICATION</a></p>		

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