



# Continuing Professional Development

## Licensing Policy

Enrollment in a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program is essential for ongoing quality improvement that positively affects clinical practice and patient outcomes.

### Scope

This policy applies to new applicants as well as registrants who currently hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador.

### Policy

All registrants holding a Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador must enroll in and remain compliant with one of the following CPD programs that coincides with their licence type and scope of practice:

- Mainpro+ offered by the College of Family Physicians of Canada;
- Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) offered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; or
- Maintenance of Certification Program offered by the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada

A registrant may be granted a deferral from the CPD requirements in whole or in part through application to the Quality Assurance Committee, or a committee appointed by the Council to authorize deferrals.

The Council may revoke a registrant's licence where the registrant fails to comply with the CPD program requirements.

**Note:** Registrants holding a Clinical Assistant Licence to Practice Medicine with specialist postgraduate training must enroll in and remain compliant with the Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) CDP program offered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Registrants holding a Clinical Assistant Licence to Practice Medicine with family medicine postgraduate training must enroll and participate in the Clinical Assistant member category of the Maintenance of Certification Program offered through the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada.

### Exceptions

1. Registrants who are registered on the Education Register under Sections 20-30 of the *Medical Regulations, 2023*, are exempt from compliance with this policy.
2. Registrants who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine with "non-practicing" status are exempt from compliance with this policy for the duration of the non-practicing status. As

a condition to being granted or returning to “practicing” status, the registrant must re-enroll in their applicable CPD program and comply with this policy.

3. Registrants who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine that is restricted to Administrative Medicine are exempt from compliance with this policy for the duration of the Administrative Medicine restriction. Should the restriction be lifted, the registrant must re-enroll in their applicable CPD program and comply with this policy.
4. Registrants who have been issued a Licence to Practice Medicine via the *American Board-Certified Physicians – Full Licence Policy* may choose to enroll in one of the Canadian programs noted above or maintain their CPD through the American Board continuing certification program applicable to their current certification. Confirmation of the registrant’s certification status with their respective American Board shall be required as confirmation of CPD annually and/or at the request of the College.
5. Registrants who have been issued a Physician Assistant Licence and have completed training in the United States approved by Council and obtained certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physicians Assistants (NCCPA), may choose to enroll in the Canadian program noted above or maintain their CPD through the continuing professional development program provided by NCCPA. Confirmation of the registrant’s certification status with the NCCPA program shall be required as confirmation of CPD annually and/or at the request of the College.
6. In appropriate circumstances, and at the discretion of the College, evidence of compliance with another CPD program, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of membership to one of the above noted CPD programs. Confirmation of the registrant’s compliance with their respective program shall be required as confirmation of CPD annually and/or at the request of the College.

## References

[Medical Regulations, 2023](#) – Sections 20-30, and 31-32

## Related Documents

[Application Form for Deferral from Continuing Professional Development](#)

## Document History

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