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Specialty Practice Licence Transition Policy

This policy outlines limited exceptions to the Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice requirements for Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) eligibility and completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I or an acceptable alternative.

Preamble:

In 2021, the College adopted a requirement for licensure such that applicants seeking a Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice were required to show evidence of RCPSC eligibility in their primary specialty as well as a minimum of successful completion of the MCCQE Part I. This transitional policy aims to bridge previous and amended eligibility criteria.

Scope:

This policy applies to applicants who held a Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice from the College prior to the addition of RCPSC eligibility in a primary specialty, and the successful completion of MCCQE Part I as licensing requirements.

Policy:

An applicant for a Provisional Licence Specialty Practice who is unable to show evidence of RCPSC eligibility and/or completion of the MCCQE Part I examination or an acceptable alternative, but who previously held a Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice from the College, may be issued a Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice if they satisfy all other College requirements and submit an application to the College within five years of holding a Provisional Licence - Specialty Practice Licence from the College.

Resource:

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