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The CFTA allows labour mobility across Canada for medical practitioners and physician assistants who hold a Licence to Practice in another Canadian jurisdiction without the applicant having to complete significant additional training, examinations, or assessments.

Additionally, medical practitioners and physician assistants who do not meet the requirements for licensure in Newfoundland and Labrador but hold a Licence to Practice in another Canadian jurisdiction may be eligible for a similar licence type with CPSNL under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

### What is CFTA?

The CFTA is an agreement between federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada which includes a comprehensive set of rules to reduce measures that impair labour mobility across the country. [Learn more about CFTA on the official government website.](#)

### Eligibility Under the CFTA

In assessing an applicant's eligibility for a Licence to Practice Medicine via CFTA, the applicant is required to satisfy standard licensing requirements which include the following:

- Currency of Practice
- English Language Proficiency
- Credential Verification
- Good Character and Governability (including complaints and discipline history)
- Fitness to Practice
- Compliance to any applicable requirements under *Medical Act, 2011*, *Medical Regulations, 2023*, and College by-laws

All applications shall be assessed by CPSNL to determine eligibility and may be subject to additional licensing requirements not noted above. Any additional licensing requirements shall be dependent on each application's specific circumstances. Should an applicant's Licence to Practice in another Canadian jurisdiction include conditions or restrictions, CPSNL will consider if the same can be accommodated by an equivalent condition or restriction in Newfoundland and Labrador.

### How to Apply

An Application for Registration must be submitted to CPSNL for assessment for eligibility via CFTA. For more information on the College's licensing process, please visit the [Licensing and Registration](#) section of our website or contact [licensing@cpsnl.ca](mailto:licensing@cpsnl.ca).