



The College of
Physicians and Surgeons
of Newfoundland and Labrador

Changes to Provisional Family Medicine Licence Criteria in Newfoundland and Labrador

Notice to College Members

June 3, 2019

Who Will Be Affected?

- Physicians who are International Medical Graduates applying for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine after July 1, 2019. This does not affect physicians applying for a Full Licence to practise Family Medicine.
- Currently, only Family Medicine applicants.

When?

- Changes take effect on July 1, 2019 for all physicians applying for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador.

What's Changing?

- **PRA-NL**
 - A formal Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) will be a requirement for a Provisional Licence to practise Family Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL).
 - PRA-NL will be a program of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Faculty of Medicine.

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- In addition to other licensing criteria, a successful pass of the PRA-NL is required to obtain a Provisional Licence for all Family Medicine physician applicants after July 1, 2019.

- **Post-Graduate Education Rotations**
 - Successful completion of a post-graduate training program in Family Medicine that is a minimum of 12 months in duration. Applicants are required to have a minimum of an eight week rotation in each of Medicine, Surgery and Pediatrics and a minimum four week rotation in Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Psychiatry.

 - For programs with integrated Psychiatry training, a letter will be required from the Dean of Medicine of the medical school of graduation attesting to the equivalency of a minimum of four weeks of Psychiatry training.

- **Currency of Practice**
 - Upon submission of a completed application, an applicant must provide documented evidence of having been in discipline-specific formal training or discipline-specific independent practice within the last three years (Model Standards for Medical Registration in Canada, Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities for Canada).

- **Process**
 - If an applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine for Newfoundland and Labrador, the College will refer the applicant to PRA-NL for its preliminary assessment process. For further information on PRA-NL, please e-mail pranl@mun.ca.

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