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# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Approved Jurisdiction Provisional to Full Licence Policy*

This companion document is intended to provide physicians with general advice to support their understanding of the expectations set out in a College Policy.

This document may be edited or updated for clarity at any time. Please refer back to the document regularly to ensure you are aware of the most recent advice.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Who is eligible to apply for this route to a Full Licence?**

Any physician who trained in one of the approved jurisdictions and also holds certification in one of the approved jurisdictions as outlined in the [Acceptable Alternatives to Certification Eligibility Policy](#).

#### **What other criteria need to be satisfied to be successful in this transition from Provisional Licence to Full Licence?**

The physician must:

- be registered on the Provisional Register\* for a continuous period of at least three years;
- practice under a College approved Oversight and Assessment Program for the three year period described in “a” above; and
- provide evidence that they have the knowledge, skills, and competencies to obtain a Full Licence – Family Medicine Practice or Specialty Practice based on the successful completion of an Oversight and Assessment Program.

\*Note: The Provisional Register did not exist prior to May 1, 2023. As such, all Provisionally licensed physicians in the province would only have been placed on the Provisional Register from May 1, 2023, onward.

#### **I have held a Provisional Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador for more than three years. Am I eligible for a Full Licence?**

If you trained in one of the approved jurisdictions, and also hold certification in one of the approved jurisdictions as outlined in the [Acceptable Alternatives to Certification Eligibility Policy](#), you may be eligible for this route to a Full Licence. However, the requirements of being on the Provisional Register for a period of three continuous years from May 1, 2023, onward, and completing a minimum of three continuous years of oversight still apply. While Provisional Licences are not new, the Provisional Register

is and did not exist prior to May 1, 2023. As such, all Provisionally licensed physicians in the province would only have been placed on the Provisional Register from May 1, 2023, onward.

**I have completed oversight as a condition of my Provisional Licence. Will this count towards my first year of oversight?**

Acceptable oversight for this route to a Full Licence must be completed while on the Provisional Register (after May 1, 2023) and must be continuous for a minimum period of three years. Any portion of a continuous oversight program completed after May 1, 2023, may count towards the oversight requirement for this route to a Full Licence. Should you apply and be deemed eligible for the transition to a Full Licence, the College shall recalculate the remaining oversight required.

**How do I apply for this route to a Full Licence?**

Please submit an application to the Licensing Department for review of your credentials. You can request this application form from [licensing@cpsnl.ca](mailto:licensing@cpsnl.ca). Additional information that has not previously been submitted to the College may be requested, such as training certificates and certifications.

**Are there fees associated with applying for this route to a Full Licence?**

Yes. The application fee shall be reflective of that year's fee schedule and is collected with the application form prior to review of your credentials.

**Are there fees associated with the Oversight and Assessment program?**

Yes. The first full year Oversight and Assessment Program fee shall be reflective of that year's fee schedule and includes a total of six oversight reports for the first twelve months of medical practice. Year two and year three of the program currently consist of two reports per year. The fees for years two and three must be paid annually and shall be reflective of that year's fee schedule. Additional reports may be requested throughout the duration of the program at the discretion of the College. Any costs associated with additional oversight reporting shall be the responsibility of the physician.

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