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Physicians who do not meet the requirements for licensure in Newfoundland and Labrador but hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in another Canadian province or territory **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. Its objectives include reducing and eliminating barriers to labour mobility within Canada. [Learn more about CFTA on the official government website.](#)

Eligibility Under the CFTA

The CFTA establishes an expectation, subject to some exceptions, that a physician who holds a Licence to Practice Medicine in one Canadian province or territory will be able to become licenced in any other province or territory without having to complete significant additional training, examinations, or assessments.

Applicants who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in another Canadian province or territory must still satisfy certain minimum licensing requirements, including the following;

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

All applications will be assessed by CPSNL to determine eligibility and may be subject to additional licensing requirements not noted above, depending on the applicant's specific circumstances. Should an applicant's Licence to Practice Medicine 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 through physiciansapply.ca for assessment of eligibility. For more information on the College's licensing process, please visit the [Licensing and Registration](#) section of our website or contact licensing@cpsnl.ca.

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