



The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador

120 Torbay Road, Suite W100
St. John's, NL A1A 2G8
T: (709) 726-8546
F: (709) 726-4725
E: cpsnl@cpsnl.ca

Acceptable Alternatives to Certification Eligibility Policy

This policy sets out acceptable alternatives to certification eligibility from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) that satisfy requirements for a Provisional Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Preamble:

Section 6(1)(d)(i)(B) and 6(1)(d)(ii)(B) of the *Medical Regulations, 2023*, permits the College to issue a Provisional Licence in **Family Medicine Practice or Specialty Practice** to an applicant who has completed a postgraduate training program approved by the Council and holds certification satisfactory to the Council.

Policy:

Provisional Licence – Family Medicine Practice

In addition to satisfying other licensing requirements, an applicant for a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine Practice may be eligible through the following routes:

Route 1:

- a. has successfully completed a postgraduate training program in Family Medicine Practice in a CFPC reciprocity approved jurisdiction; and
- b. holds certification in Family Medicine Practice, satisfactory to the College, in a CFPC reciprocity approved jurisdiction.

The following certifications are approved by Council through Route 1:

Jurisdiction	Certification (in speciality of postgraduate training program)	Effective Date of Policy
United States of America	Certification in Family Medicine from the American Board of Family Medicine	Oct 20, 2022
United Kingdom	Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in Family Medicine	Oct 20, 2022
Ireland	Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) in Family Medicine	Oct 20, 2022
Australia	Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)	Oct 20, 2022

Route 2:

- a. has successfully completed a postgraduate training program in Family Medicine Practice in a jurisdiction that is approved by the College; and

- b. holds certification in Family Medicine Practice, satisfactory to the College, in a jurisdiction that is approved by the College.

NOTE: There are currently no training programs or certifications approved by Council through Route 2.

Provisional Licence – Specialty Practice

In addition to satisfying other licensing requirements, an applicant for a Provisional Licence – Specialty Practice may be eligible through the following routes:

Route 1:

- a. has successfully completed a postgraduate primary specialty training program identified by the RCPSC as part of the approved jurisdiction route; and
- b. holds certification in a primary specialty, satisfactory to the College, in a jurisdiction identified by the RCPSC as part of the approved jurisdiction route.

For more information on the training programs identified by the RCPSC as approved jurisdictions, please see the RCPSC [website](#).

The following certifications are approved by Council through Route 1:

Jurisdiction	Certification (in specialty of postgraduate training program)	Effective Date of Policy
United Kingdom	Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) or Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST)	Oct 20, 2022
Ireland	Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST)	Oct 20, 2022
Australia	Full Specialist or Consultant status conferred by applicable Royal College of Australia	Oct 20, 2022
New Zealand	Full Specialist or Consultant status conferred by applicable specialty Royal College of New Zealand	Oct 20, 2022
South Africa	Fellowship conferred by the College of Medicine of South Africa	Oct 20, 2022
Hong Kong	Currently undetermined, Council approval required	
Singapore	Currently undetermined, Council approval required	
Switzerland	Currently undetermined, Council approval required	

Route 2:

- a. has successfully completed a postgraduate training program in a primary specialty practice that is otherwise approved by the College; and
- b. holds certification in a primary specialty, acceptable to the College, in a jurisdiction that is otherwise approved by the College.

The following trainings and certifications are approved by Council through Route 2:

Jurisdiction	Certification (in specialty of postgraduate training program)	Effective Date of Policy
United States of America	American Board Certification from applicable specialty board (includes the postgraduate training programs that are a minimum of 3 years duration)	Oct 20, 2022

NOTE: No additional examinations are required for applicants applying through this route to Provisional Licensure to satisfy the requirement outlined in section 6(1)(b) of the *Medical Regulations, 2023*.

Resource:

Medical Regulations (2023) – Section 6(1)(b), 6(1)(d)(i)(B) and 6(1)(d)(ii)(B)

Document History:

Approved by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador: **2022-10-20**

Update approved by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador: **2023-06-01**

Effective Date: 2023-06-01