



# Examinations Required and Approved by Council

## Licensing Policy

This policy outlines the examinations acceptable to the Council for registration.

### Scope

The purpose of this policy is to outline the examinations which meet the eligibility requirements set out in the *Medical Regulations, 2023*, for all licence types.

### Policy

To qualify for registration in Newfoundland and Labrador, applicants are required to obtain a score satisfactory to the Council in any examination required and approved by Council. The following are the required examinations and acceptable alternatives to the examinations:

Registration Category: Medical (Full)	
Required Examinations	Acceptable Alternatives
Successful completion of the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) Examinations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3;</li> <li>2. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) Levels 1, 2 and 3. (This applies only to graduates of osteopathic schools accredited by the American Osteopathic Association);</li> <li>3. A medical degree from a World Directory of Medical Schools recognized university or school of medicine, successful completion of MCCQE Part 1, and a minimum of 12 months of Medical Council of Canada verified postgraduate training, acceptable to the College; or</li> <li>4. At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, <b>five years</b> of recent clinical practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.</li> </ol>
Registration Category: Provisional	
Required Examinations	Acceptable Alternatives
A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3;</li> <li>2. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) Levels 1, 2 and 3. (This applies only to graduates of osteopathic schools accredited by the American Osteopathic Association);</li> </ol>

	3. At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, <b>five years</b> of recent clinical practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.
<b>Registration Category: Associate</b>	
<b>Note:</b> Associate Licence is currently under development. The College is unable to accept applications for this licence type at this time.	
<b>Required Examinations</b>	<b>Acceptable Alternatives</b>
A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3;</li> <li>2. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) Levels 1, 2 and 3. (This applies only to graduates of osteopathic schools accredited by the American Osteopathic Association);</li> <li>3. At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, <b>three years</b> of recent practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.</li> </ol>
<b>Registration Category: Clinical Assistant</b>	
<b>Required Examinations</b>	<b>Acceptable Alternatives</b>
A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3;</li> <li>2. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) Levels 1, 2 and 3. (This applies only to graduates of osteopathic schools accredited by the American Osteopathic Association);</li> <li>3. At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, <b>three years</b> of recent practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.</li> </ol>

Exception:

A registrant licensed via the [Acceptable Alternatives to Certification Eligibility](#) Policy is exempt from this examination requirement.

**References**

[Medical Regulations, 2023](#) – Section 3(1)(b), 6(1)(b), 9(1)(b), and 11(1)(b)

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