



Examinations Required and Approved by Council

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	Required Examinations	Acceptable Alternatives
Medical (Full)	Successful completion of the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) Examinations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3; 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); 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 At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, five years of recent clinical practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.
Provisional	A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3; 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); At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, five years of recent clinical practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.
Associate Note: Associate Licence is currently under development. The College is unable to accept applications for this licence type at this time.	A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3; 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); At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, three years of recent practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.

Clinical Assistant	A minimum of the successful completion of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and 3; 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); 3. At the discretion of the College, and only in appropriate circumstances, three years of recent practice, to the satisfaction of the College, may be considered in lieu of the completion of an examination.
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Exception:

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

Resource:

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

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