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Provisional Licence – Family Medicine Policy

Discipline appropriate postgraduate training of a minimum duration and a formal Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) is a requirement for a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Scope:

This policy applies to applicants for a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine who completed their postgraduate training program outside of Canada. This policy does not apply to the annual renewal of a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine.

Policy:

Minimum Postgraduate Training Requirement:

In addition to all other licensing criteria, applicants for Provisional Licence – Family Medicine must satisfy one of the below minimum postgraduate training requirements:

1. Successful completion of a postgraduate training program that is discipline appropriate to Family Medicine and is a minimum of two years in duration; or
2. Successful completion of a postgraduate training program that is discipline appropriate to Family Medicine and is a minimum of one year, but less than two years in duration that includes the below required rotations, and a minimum of two years of independent unsupervised clinical practice experience.

Required Rotations:

- a minimum of eight weeks in Family Medicine or General Practice; and
- a minimum of four weeks each in:
 - i. Surgery;
 - ii. Internal Medicine;
 - iii. Pediatrics;
 - iv. Emergency Medicine;
 - v. Obstetrics and Gynecology; and
 - vi. Psychiatry*

*For programs with integrated Psychiatry training, a letter will be required from the Dean of Medicine of the medical school of graduation attesting to the equivalency of a minimum of four weeks of Psychiatry training.

Practice Ready Assessment (PRA):

If an applicant meets the College’s eligibility requirements for a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador, the applicant shall be referred to PRA-NL for its preliminary assessment process.

Applicants must successfully complete a PRA to obtain a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine.

Exceptions:

1. An applicant for a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine who is unable to show evidence of the successful completion of a PRA, but who previously held a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine from the College, may be issued a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine if they satisfy all other College requirements and submit an application to the College within **five years** of holding a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine from the College.

Oversight may be a condition of licensure for physicians obtaining a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine via this exception. The requirement of such will be determined based upon full review of the application, evidence of a previous successful oversight program, and practice history.

2. Any applicant who is able to show evidence of a successfully completed PRA from another Canadian jurisdiction, to the satisfaction of the College, may be exempt from this policy.
3. Any physician who has been issued a Provisional Licence – Family Medicine under the *Acceptable Alternatives to Certification Eligibility Policy*, is exempt from having to complete a PRA.

Resource:

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