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## **CPSM CONSULTATION REGARDING ELIMINATING MCCQE1 FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONAL REGISTRANTS TO ACCESS PRACTICE READY ASSESSMENTS**

In addition to training and educating physicians within the province, Manitoba relies heavily on recruiting both nationally and internationally to support the health care system. There is currently a dire shortage of physicians in Manitoba, which severely limits appropriate access to medical care. In this context, reducing some barriers to registration for internationally educated physicians where appropriate while still ensuring their competence to practice is an important CPSM public interest initiative.

Council has identified the requirement for an unexpired pass standing in the MCC Qualifying Exam Part 1 (MCCQE1) for registration in the provisional (specialty practice-limited), provisional (family practice-limited), and assessment candidate classes as an unnecessary barrier to assessments for internationally educated physicians. All these physicians require the completion of both satisfactory undergraduate medical education and post-graduate medical education. MCC's website provides the following information about the exam:

*The MCCQE Part I is a summative examination that assesses the critical medical knowledge and clinical decision-making ability of a candidate at a level expected of a medical student who is completing their medical degree in Canada.*

CPSM is confident this examination requirement can be safely removed for certain classes of provisional registrants while still maintaining the integrity of licensing scheme and ensuring registrants are qualified and competent through a three to 12-month "on the job" Practice Ready Assessment. Almost all internationally educated physicians who apply are mid-career and already practicing outside of Canada (approximately half in specialties). Upon passing the Practice Ready Assessment, the provisionally registered physician is then followed through mentorship (one year) and supervision (including monitoring, 360 review, and chart audit). Practice supervision is required for the duration of provisional registration.

LMCC requirements (including MCCQE1) will remain the same for these provisional registrants to transition to full registration, at which time they will require certification from the Royal College or CCFP (or alternatively successful completion of the Manitoba Practice Assessment Program).

CPSM Council has recommended the Manitoba Government amend the [CPSM General Regulation](#) to eliminate this examination requirement. The [DRAFT REGULATION](#) simply deletes the requirement for the examination for this particular category of physician applicants. Further information can be found in the [Council Materials](#).

Please provide any feedback by November 11, 2022, to [cpsmconsultation@cpsm.mb.ca](mailto:cpsmconsultation@cpsm.mb.ca).