

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS 2021 LMCC Part 2

The Medical Council of Canada (MCC) has advised that the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (“LMCC”) Part 2, although available this year, may not be able to accommodate all who need to write until December 2021. In this context, new graduates from postgraduate medical education (“PGME”) programs will have their eligibility for registration as a regulated member of CPSM impacted:

1. In the usual course, individuals in this group would have exam results and respective certifications (*i.e.*, LMCC, RCPSC or CFPC), assuming they passed, prior to obtaining registration. They would therefore qualify for registration in the full (practicing) class.
2. Absent enrollment in the Canadian Medical Register as an LMCC, applicants would not meet the statutory eligibility criteria for registration in the full (practicing) class and therefore would need to apply for provisional registration.

CPSM continues to view the QEII as an important requirement for full registration.

### **How does/will this affect me?**

If you are completing PGME, intending to practice in Manitoba and have obtained a pass standing on either the CFPC or RCPSC certification, registration in either the provisional (family practice-limited) class or the provisional (specialty practice-limited) class will be necessary until you are enrolled as a LMCC.

CPSM has modified the usual requirements for provisional registration to accommodate the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicants seeking accommodation will be required to provide a copy of the official correspondence from the Medical Council of Canada confirming application was made to write the exam. CPSM will also require confirmation of scheduling whenever it is received by you.

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### **Which requirements will be varied (accommodation)?**

Under the usual process, as part of the application to be provisionally registered in the provisional (family practice-limited) class or the provisional (specialty practice-limited) class, you would have to:

1. provide a certificate issued by the Minister of Health stating that you are required to provide medical services in a specified geographical area or practice setting, and
2. establish that you have entered a satisfactory arrangement with a practice supervisor.

### **Minister's certificate:**

CPSM be requesting a single certificate for the group impacted by exam delays to practice in Manitoba. Thus, it is anticipated you will not need to take any action in this regard.

### **Supervision:**

While CPSM cannot waive the legislated requirement for a practice supervisor, in these exceptional circumstances, CPSM will be suspending the monitoring requirements normally required for provisional registration during the period members are unable to sit their examination(s). Specifically, the usual monitoring requirements have been modified to eliminate the requirement of monitor reports and chart reviews pending the delay period.

The supervision requirements that will apply are as follows:

1. at the commencement of supervision and every 30 days thereafter you would be required to meet with your supervisor, virtually or in-person, and discuss your professional practice in general terms and any concerns regarding your practice which you may have, and
2. the practice supervisor will be expected to be available to you to provide advice and guidance as required.

CPSM will be working closely with Shared Health and others to help where we can to connect physicians with supervisors.

### **How long will the accommodations last?**

Accommodations will last for what is referred to as the Delay Period. The Delay Period ends on the date of the rescheduling of the relevant exam(s), including time to receive results plus 30 days. Affected members must undertake to attend the earliest dates of the examination sittings as they are scheduled, subject to availability. The MCC has indicated they are hopeful there will be enough exams available to accommodate all who need to write by 31 December 2021.

The Delay Period is not indefinite and currently is to be deemed terminated as of September 30, 2022, even in the unlikely events exams are not scheduled by that time. This deemed termination date is subject to change if COVID-19 conditions further disrupt scheduling.

### **Undertaking**

As a provisional member, you will be required to sign an undertaking with respect to the terms and conditions of your provisional registration.

### **What about fellowship training?**

Those residents who are registered with the PGME Office in subspecialty programs or for additional training may continue as associate members in the educational-resident class and need not take out provisional registration unless intending to also practise outside the training program. Members in this category should contact the College's Qualifications Department for more information in this regard.

### **If I am in the provisional (specialty practice-limited) class, will I be entered in the specialist register?**

Those applying for registration in the specialty practice limited class and hold Royal College certification in their specialty field can apply to be included on the Specialist Register.