



## COUNCIL POLICY

### Registration in the Full (Practicing) and Full (Non-Practicing) Classes

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#### **Preamble:**

This Policy relates to registration in the following classes:

- Full (Practicing) Class, and
- Full (Non-Practicing) Class.

Specific provisions of the *CPSM General Regulation* that apply to each of the above classes of registration are reproduced in this Policy for ease of reference. The purpose of this Policy is to set out additional registration requirements that have been approved by Council.

This Policy addresses what is required for a certificate of registration. It does not deal with the requirements for certificates of practice which are described at Part 4 of the *CPSM General Regulation*<sup>1</sup> and further in the Council Policy for Certificates of Practice.

#### **1. Full (practicing) class**

##### **1.1. Purpose and overview**

The Full (Practicing) Class allows for the unrestricted<sup>2</sup> and independent practice of medicine in Manitoba within an authorized field of practice. Applicants for registration in the Full (Practicing) Class must satisfy the following requirements from the *CPSM General Regulation*:<sup>3, 4</sup>

- the Common Requirements for all registrants of CPSM at s. 3.2,
- the Non-Exemptible Requirements for all Regulated Registrants at s. 3.7, and
- the Specific Requirements for this class at s. 3.8, including academic requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Part 4 of the *CPSM General Regulation* establishes the requirements for issuing a certificate of practice. Of note, s. 4.1 states, "A certificate of registration does not entitle a member to practise medicine. To do so, a member must also hold a certificate of practice. ..."

<sup>2</sup> Subject to any terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Registrar.

<sup>3</sup> RHPA at s. 32(1)

<sup>4</sup> Subsection 3.2(1) of the *CPSM General Regulation* at point 8.

## 1.2. Specific Requirements under the CPSM General Regulation

Specific requirements for registration in the Full (Practicing) Class are set out at section 3.8 of the *CPSM General Regulation*:

*3.8 An applicant for registration as a full (practising) member must*

- (a) establish that he or she holds*
  - (i) a medical degree granted from a nationally approved faculty of medicine<sup>5</sup>, or*
  - (ii) a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from a school in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation;*
- (b) establish that he or she meets one of the following criteria:*
  - (i) he or she holds at least one of the following:*
    - (A) certification from the CFPC,*
    - (B) certification from the Royal College in a specialty field of practice,*
    - (C) certification from the Collège des médecins du Québec,*
  - (i.1) he or she*
    - (A) holds affiliate status with the Royal College in a subspecialty,*
    - (B) successfully completed a Royal College subspecialty examination through the Royal College — Subspecialist Examination Affiliate Program, and*
    - (C) satisfactorily completed an approved period of supervised practice,<sup>6</sup>*
  - (i.2) the applicant holds*
    - (A) a licence issued by the medical board of a state of the United States to engage independently in the practice of medicine, and*
    - (B) Member Board certification and has satisfactorily completed a post-graduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (USA),*
  - (ii) he or she received*
    - (A) the designation "successful" in the MPAP, or*
    - (B) the designation "partially successful" in the MPAP and the registrar has granted the request referred to in subsection 7.11(2),*

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<sup>5</sup> See the definition at s. 1.4 of the *CPSM General Regulation*.

<sup>6</sup> See the Council Policy for Supervision of Provisional Registrants for considerations as to whether supervision will be required.

*(iii) he or she graduated from the Manitoba faculty before January 1, 1994 and successfully completed the post-graduate training requirements set out in the Schedule,<sup>7</sup>*

*(iv) he or she*

*(A) was previously registered as a full registrant in good standing on the Manitoba Medical Register under subsection 17(3) of the former regulation as it read on February 16, 2012 or under section 4 of the Registration of Medical Practitioners Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 9/94 as it read on the day before it was repealed, as the case may be, and*

*(B) was engaged in professional practice in Manitoba while so registered;*

*(c) if applicable, establish that he or she has engaged in the field or fields of practice that he or she intends to practise in Manitoba within the approved time period;<sup>8</sup> and*

*(d) if applicable, provide a description of the continuing professional development activities that the applicant was required to complete as a condition of being authorized to practise medicine in any jurisdiction in Canada in the three years immediately before the application was submitted and indicate how he or she met those requirements.<sup>9</sup>*

## **2. Full (non-practicing) class**

### **2.1. Purpose and overview**

The Full (Non-Practicing) Class is intended for those registrants who take a leave of absence from practice in Manitoba, but who intend to return to practice in Manitoba. It may also be used for those who no longer practice in Manitoba, but whose registration has not been cancelled or surrendered.

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<sup>7</sup> Previous registration regulations have grand-parented physicians who trained and were registered at a time when the current post-graduate training requirements were not in effect. It is necessary to extend the grand parenting to include physicians who achieved full registration on the Manitoba Medical Register and engaged in the practice of medicine in Manitoba while so registered. By way of example, physicians who were conditionally registered in Manitoba were able to achieve full registration by five years of satisfactory practice and success in achieving the LMCC. These physicians may never have achieved certification but will continue to have full registration. In other words, prior full registration in good standing in Manitoba qualify a physician for full registration under the RHPA.

<sup>8</sup> Applicants must provide documented evidence of having been in discipline-specific formal training or discipline-specific independent practice within the last three years. See the Practice Direction for Professional Practice and Inactivity respecting inactivity in practice.

<sup>9</sup> These requirements are intended to limit the opportunities for a physician to move from one jurisdiction to another without meeting the currency requirements in Manitoba or despite not having met the CPD requirements in another jurisdiction.

The Full (Non-Practicing) Class of registration is to be distinguished from the retired physician class, which is intended for those registrants who have retired from the practice of medicine.<sup>10</sup> Public registry requirements are lessened in respect to those in the retired class, which is the main difference between the two classes.<sup>11</sup>

## 2.2. Conversion to the full (non-practicing) class

To convert from the Full (Practicing) Class to the Full (Non-Practicing) Class, the registrant must establish that they were registered or qualified to be registered as a full practicing registrant in good standing immediately before applying for registration as a full non-practicing registrant. In most cases, in order to apply to convert to this class simple notice to CPSM is required as well as compliance with CPSM's Standard of Practice for Practice Management.

Requirements for the Full (Non-Practicing) Class are set out in section 3.9 of the *CPSM General Regulation*:

*3.9 An applicant for registration as a full (non-practising) member must establish that [they were] registered or [were] qualified to be registered as a full (practising) member in good standing immediately before applying for full (non-practising) membership.*

As an exception to the usual requirement for an application to convert between classes of registration, section 3.79 of the *CPSM General Regulation* provides:

*3.79 If a member fails to renew or voluntarily surrenders his or her certificate of practice, the registrar may change the member's registration to the applicable non-practising class.*

Conversion to the Full (Non-Practicing) Class will be the usual default for registrants who no longer hold a valid certificate of practice (e.g., if it was not renewed), have not expressly indicated an intention to retire, and have not otherwise had their registration cancelled.

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<sup>10</sup> See section 3.36 of the *CPSM General Regulation*.

<sup>11</sup> Per section 2.6, this will have implications on the public nature of registry information. For certain individuals, including retired members, such information must not be made available to the public if the registrar is satisfied that the member will not apply to change his or her membership class to one for which a certificate of practice may be issued.