



COUNCIL POLICY

Specialist Register

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1. A Specialist Register is established under section 2.7 of the *CPSM General Regulation* and is maintained by the Registrar. The Specialist Register must include the registrant's name and the field or fields of practice¹ in which they are registered.² Section 2.9 of the *CPSM General Regulation* establishes the eligibility criteria for registration as a specialist:

2.9(1) A member in good standing who is a certified specialist of the Royal College is entitled to be registered on the specialist register if the member submits to the registrar the following:

- (a) a signed application in the approved form;*
- (b) the fees provided for in the bylaws;*
- (c) satisfactory evidence of the member's qualifications as a specialist.*

2.9(2) In special circumstances, the council may direct the registrar to enter on the specialist register the name of a member in good standing who is not a certified specialist of the Royal College but who submits to the registrar a signed application in the approved form and pays the fees provided for in the by-laws.

2. In accordance with subsection 2.9(2) of the *CPSM General Regulation*, Council has provided the Registrar with authority to register regulated registrants in the Specialist Register who are not Royal College certified specialists if they meet the following requirements:
 - 2.1. The applicant must apply for entry on the Specialist Register in the approved form and pay the prescribed fee. They must meet all requirements for full registration other than holding Royal College certification.
 - 2.2. The applicant must meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria:
 - 2.2.1. They have successfully completed MPAP, in which case they would be registered in accordance with the outcome of that process.³
 - 2.2.2. They hold affiliate status with the Royal College in a subspecialty and have successfully completed a Royal College subspecialty examination through

¹ See section 2.10 of the [CPSM General Regulation](#).

² See section 2.8 of the [CPSM General Regulation](#).

³ See [The Manitoba Practice Assessment Program \("MPAP"\) Council Policy](#).

- the Royal College — Subspecialist Examination Affiliate Program, in which case they would be registered in accordance with their affiliate status.
- 2.2.3. They were registered pursuant to section 64 of *The Medical Act* or section 181 of the RHPA in a specialty field of practice.
- 2.2.4. They are registered in the provisional (specialty-limited) class, in which case they would be registered in accordance with their area of practice.
- 2.2.5. The applicant has achieved full registration by virtue of a domestic trade agreement in accordance with subsection 32(3) of the RHPA or under the provisions of *The Medical Act* (now repealed) and they are licensed to practice in the applicable specialty field.⁴

3. Section 6.6. of the *CPSM General Regulation* provides:

6.6(1) A member who is registered on the specialist register is permitted to use the designation "specialist" or any variation or abbreviation of it or equivalent in another language to describe his or her professional practice or to hold himself or herself out as a person who is qualified to practise medicine as a specialist.

6.6(2) No person — other than a member described in subsection (1) — shall use the designation "specialist" or any variation or abbreviation of it or equivalent in another language alone or in combination with other words in a manner that states or implies that the person is a member qualified to practise medicine as a specialist.

4. Section 6.7. of the *CPSM General Regulation* provides:

6.7(1) A regulated member who is not registered on the specialist register is permitted to use the phrase "special interest in" or "practice restricted to", or both, when referring to the member's professional practice if

(a) the member's field of practice is not one that is listed in clause 2.10(2)(b) as a specialty field of practice; or

(b) the member's field of practice is listed in clause 2.10(2)(b) as a specialty field but the member's registration does not indicate that he or she is qualified to practise as a specialist in that specialty field.

The phrase must appear immediately before the member's field of practice.

6.7(2) As an aid to the reader, the following are examples of such phrases:

(a) a member with a special interest in sports medicine;

(b) a family practitioner with a special interest in psychiatry;

(c) a member with a special interest in and practice restricted to oncology.

⁴ For example, this applies to registrants who achieved full registration under *The Medical Act* through practice experience, or specialists who are registered under the provisions of the CFTA.