



Changes to Provisional Family Medicine Licence Criteria in Newfoundland and Labrador

Notice to College Members

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Who Will Be Affected?

- Physicians who are International Medical Graduates applying for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine after July 1, 2019. This does not affect physicians applying for a Full Licence to practise Family Medicine.
- Currently, only Family Medicine applicants.

When?

- Changes take effect on July 1, 2019 for all physicians applying for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador.

What's Changing?

- **PRA-NL**
 - A formal Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) will be a requirement for a Provisional Licence to practise Family Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL).
 - PRA-NL will be a program of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Faculty of Medicine.

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- In addition to other licensing criteria, a successful pass of the PRA-NL is required to obtain a Provisional Licence for all Family Medicine physician applicants after July 1, 2019.

- **Post-Graduate Education Rotations**
 - Successful completion of a post-graduate training program in Family Medicine that is a minimum of 12 months in duration. Applicants are required to have a minimum of an eight week rotation in each of Medicine, Surgery and Pediatrics and a minimum four week rotation in Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Psychiatry.

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

- **Currency of Practice**
 - Upon submission of a completed application, an applicant must provide documented evidence of having been in discipline-specific formal training or discipline-specific independent practice within the last three years (Model Standards for Medical Registration in Canada, Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities for Canada).

- **Process**
 - If an applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a Provisional Licence in Family Medicine for Newfoundland and Labrador, the College will refer the applicant to PRA-NL for its preliminary assessment process. For further information on PRA-NL, please e-mail pranl@mun.ca.

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