

Title: National Certifying Exam Delay 2020
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Re: 2020 Cohort of Postgraduate Trainees applying for Independent Practice

MCC, CFPC and the RCPSC have delayed their 2020 spring exams.

We have established a route to registration for independent practice for the 2020 cohort of postgraduate trainees who have successfully completed their postgraduate training (PGT) in 2020 **and** were deemed to be eligible to take the RCPSC or the CFPC in the spring. This will allow this cohort of physicians to practise independently on the Provisional Register until they can take their national certification exams through either the CFPC or the RCPSC. The expectation is that the physician will take the certifying exam at the earliest opportunity and that the Provisional Register is not a long term option for registration in Alberta.

The 2020 cohort will eligible for independent practice on the Provisional Register with the following requirements and conditions:

- Have their MCC QE1
- Completed their Canadian PGT and have confirmation from the postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) office of successful completion **and** a ruling of eligibility to take the RCPSC or the CFPC exam.
- The physician will be expected to complete their certifying exams at the **earliest opportunity**. Registration on Provisional Register for this 2020 cohort will be time limited until December 31, 2021.
- CPSA will waive the requirement to have AHS sponsorship and a 3 month Supervised Practice Assessment (SPA)
- All other registration requirements/processes will apply
- If physicians are unable to pass their certifying exams by December 31, 2021, then they will need to apply for the Provisional Register through the usual process (i.e. AHS sponsorship and a 3 month SPA).

This Provisional Register process is not available for physicians who have:

- **failed** their certifying examinations
 - completed their **PGT outside of Canada**
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- **completed their PGT prior to 2020**
- **are not eligible to take the certifying exams** in the spring of 2020

These physicians will need to apply for the Provisional Register in the usual manner.

Physicians should apply for registration for independent practice through our usual process, which can be found at: <http://www.cpsa.ca/registration/apply-for-independent-practice/>