



## Internationally Trained Physicians (ITP) Pathways to Practice in Canada

### PRACTICE-READY ASSESSMENT

Most provinces have a practice-ready assessment for physicians who have completed their postgraduate training and practiced independently abroad. These programs will assess your skills over a period of 12 weeks (for family physicians) to six months (for specialists). You will then complete a return of service in a rural area or other area of high need.

While requirements in each province vary slightly, generally you will need to: submit required documents about your education and post-graduate training, show that you have practiced independently, prove English language proficiency, pass the NAC and MCCQE1 exams, and show recency/currency of practice. In Alberta and Manitoba, you may be able to receive a practice-ready assessment for specialty medicine.

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Open a **PhysiciansApply** account and upload your documents for verification



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Pass the **Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1 (MCCQE1)**

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Pass the **NAC Examination**



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Receive your **Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC)**

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Take the language test required by the provincial regulator of your choice



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Apply to the **provincial practice ready assessment** program

In some provinces (Alberta, Newfoundland & Labrador) you will need to find an employer willing to sponsor you

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Pass the **Therapeutics Decision-Making (TDM) Examination**



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Complete your clinical field assessment

a. The regulatory authority will issue you a restricted license in order to enter the assessment

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You will need to sign a return of service agreement, which will require you to practice for a period of time in a rural area or other area of high need



a. During this time you may be able to complete the exams below. Your regulatory authority will guide you on timelines for your province.

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Take your certification exam, through the **College of Family Physicians** of Canada or the **Royal College**

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You can then apply for full licensure from your chosen **provincial regulatory authority**



**License to practice**