

ALBERTA MEDICAL LICENSURE PROCESS

Family physicians and specialists who want to practise independently in Alberta must obtain an Alberta Medical Practice Permit from the [College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta](#) (CPSA) in order to:

- Diagnose and treat patients
- Order investigations
- Write prescriptions
- Obtain triplicate prescription pads

There is a multi-phase process leading to licensure in Alberta. All steps must be completed. Please allow adequate time for this process to occur before your practice permit is needed.

- Physicians with Canadian credentials (LMCC and CCFP or FRCP/S(C)) - allow at least 90 days
- Physicians with international credentials (no LMCC and no CCFP or FRCP/S(C)) - allow at least 180 days, and longer if there are immigration and/or work permit requirements to be met

STEPS TO OBTAIN AN ALBERTA MEDICAL PRACTICE PERMIT

Questions in the self assessment flow charts for [Family Medicine Practice](#) and [Specialty Practice](#) will help you decide if you should fill out an eligibility review form.

1. Complete the online [Eligibility Review form](#).

Note: Eligibility review is NOT an application. It is a pre-screening process to determine if individuals are eligible to apply for an Alberta medical practice permit. Only if the requirements of an eligibility review are met will an application form for licensure be issued.

2. The form is reviewed by College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta. An application and detailed letter of instruction is sent to eligible candidates.
3. Eligible candidates complete the application form, other required forms, and arrange for all required documentation to be sent to the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.
4. Once all required forms and documentation are received, the file is reviewed to determine whether the candidate qualifies for a practice permit.
5. Qualified candidates receive instructions to complete the eAppointment process (Electronic Appointment).
6. Registration details are updated, and practice permit is issued.

The physician is responsible for paying all associated fees.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES - CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION

International Medical Graduate applicants must provide credential verification through the Physician Credential Registry of Canada (PCRC). Candidates are recommended to start the credential verification process immediately after receiving written confirmation of their eligibility to apply for a practice permit.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES – EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

For English language proficiency details, visit the [CPSA website](#).