



Registration changes to meet national standards

The Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada created national standards to ensure registration consistency throughout the country, and to facilitate the mobility of physicians under the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). [See Registration in Alberta under the AIT.](#)

The following list identifies recent registration changes in Alberta to ensure compliance with national standards:

Effective Date	Registration Change
October 1, 2011	<p>Evidence of English Language Proficiency</p> <p>Candidates for registration in Alberta must provide evidence of English language proficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Candidates are exempted from English language proficiency testing if their medical education and patient care experience was in one of the countries that have English as a first and native language (see list below) b) All other candidates must have taken IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or TOEFL IBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet Based Test) within 24 months of application, and achieved the following minimum scores in a single test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IELTS academic version: minimum 7.0 in each of the components OR ii. TOEFL IBT academic version: minimum of 24 in each of the four components (with the intention of phasing out the TOEFL before 2016) <div style="background-color: #800040; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><u>List of countries that have English as a first and native language:</u></p> <p>Australia, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, US Virgin Islands Caribbean Islands: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Grenadines, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago</p> </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Registration changes continued...</i></p>
Effective Date	Registration Change
March 1, 2011	<p>Criteria changes for registration for independent practice</p> <p>General Register: Only the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) will be accepted for licensure on the general register. The USMLE</p>

and COMLEX will no longer be accepted as alternatives.

Provisional Register Conditional Practice: All international candidates, including those entering specialty practice in Alberta, will be required to pass the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE).

The College will no longer offer an exemption to the MCCEE requirement for those international candidates who will be practicing in Alberta for less than 90 days.

These criteria changes will not affect those candidates who submit a completed Application Form before March 1, 2011. Note that an Eligibility Review Form is not an Application Form.