

Registration in Alberta under the Agreement on Internal Trade

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) is an agreement signed by the First Ministers of Canada that intends to eliminate barriers to trade, investment, and labour mobility within Canada. As of 01 September 2010, physicians who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents and who have an independent practice licence in a Canadian province or territory may be eligible for a licence in Alberta, regardless of whether or not they meet the registration requirements of the CPSA under the Health Professions Act (HPA).

Physicians with a **full licence** in another Canadian jurisdiction who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents may be eligible for the General Register in Alberta provided the following is satisfied:

- Prior to obtaining the full licence the candidate successfully underwent an assessment, by the previous Canadian licensing authority, which meets the standards established by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada and is satisfactory to the Registrar.

Physicians with a **provisional licence** in another Canadian jurisdiction who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents may be eligible for the Provisional Register Conditional Practice in Alberta provided the following are satisfied:

- The candidate must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant,
- There are no conditions or restrictions on the candidate's licence in the other jurisdiction, or there are conditions or restrictions on the candidate's licence that can be accommodated by the CPSA, and
- The candidate must have successfully undergone an assessment in the licensing province that meets the standards established by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada and is satisfactory to the Registrar

While the AIT has facilitated the movement of physicians, licensure remains a provincial jurisdiction. No one can practice in Alberta without having been registered in Alberta. No one can practice in Alberta using a licence issued by another jurisdiction.

The process for applying for a licence in Alberta has not changed. The candidate must first complete and submit an Eligibility Review form online. The Registration Department staff will review the submitted information using AIT or HPA criteria, whichever is of most benefit to the candidate. Regardless of the route to registration, the candidate will be required to complete the application process and provide evidence of good character through Certificates of Standing and references.

If you are a physician with a Canadian independent licence seeking registration in Alberta, please proceed to the [Eligibility Review Form](#).

If you do not hold a Canadian independent licence, additional application information for an Alberta medical licence is available at: [Applying for a licence in Alberta](#).