

Specialty Recognition For Family Medicine

Criteria:

CPSA Council approved new criteria for specialty recognition in Family Medicine, including:

- An independent practice licence in Alberta;
- Minimum of two years of Family Medicine postgraduate training;
- Certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), or certification that is considered by the Registrar to be generally equivalent;* and
- Meeting the criteria to practise in the discipline.

*Family Medicine certificates considered by the Registrar to be generally equivalent are those granted through one of the following programs that the CFPC recognizes and judges as comparable and acceptable:

- **Australia:** Graduates of Australian General Practice Vocational Training programs that have been accredited by the Australian Medical Council and meet the standards of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, and who also hold Fellowship in the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.
- **Ireland:** Graduates of general practice vocational training schemes that have been accredited by the Irish College of General Practitioners and who also hold membership in the Irish College of General Practitioners.
- **United States of America:** Graduates of Family Medicine residency training programs that have been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and who are also Diplomats of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM).
- **United Kingdom:** Graduates of a Family Medicine residency training program completed in the United Kingdom in programs administered by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and accredited by the General Medical Council leading to membership in the Royal College of General Practitioners (MRCGP).

How to Apply:

Members wishing to apply for specialty recognition in Family Medicine must provide a notarized copy of one of the previously mentioned certifications along with a signed [application form](#).

Once the application is processed, the College's online directory will show the qualified member as a specialist in Family Medicine.

(Note: There is no fee for the application and the College will not issue a Certificate of Specialty Recognition).

For more information contact Registration@cpsa.ab.ca.