

CPSO Provisional License for 2020 Exam-Eligible Candidates:

The Postgraduate Deans had a teleconference with CPSO on April 3rd, 2020 to review the guidelines around the new restricted provisional license developed for residents who will be completing their program in July with delayed certification examinations.

Frequently asked questions are below:

a) What is the process for licensure?

Individuals must complete an application. Link here:

<https://www.cpso.on.ca/CPSO/media/Documents/physician/registration-applicants/apply-for-registration/fyr-can-application.pdf>

Applications that are received one week after the May long-weekend (approximately May 22nd- 25th) will be processed for a start date of July 1st, 2020.

b) Will anything further be asked of programs as attestation in the absence of exams?

No. Confirmation of success in the program is required but no FITER is needed. Candidates must be exam eligible. The list of candidates could be submitted in an excel spreadsheet. Although the current supervisor form attached to the application asks for more information, this will not be necessary.

c) What is the nature of the required supervision, and what happens after 6 months?

CPSO is taking a very light approach to supervision.

- One supervisor can supervise a number of candidates.
- The supervisor can be off site.
- Requirement for chart reviews and site visits requirements have been removed.
- The practice pattern of the Supervisor does not have to match exactly with the applicant as long as the supervisor is within the same discipline.
- Program Directors and/or site supervisors in the residency program can serve as supervisors, regardless where the resident is practicing in Ontario.

d) How should "supervisors" be identified?

The applicant will identify and put forth the name of the supervisor to the CPSO. We suggest that residents discuss potential supervisors with their program director

- e) *Why 6 months when a restricted registration is for 1 year and renewable for 3 years?*

CPSO hopes that 6 months will be enough time to reschedule the exams. If this does not happen, the restricted certificate can revert to a full certificate good for one year. If the certificate is converted to one year, it is likely that the same restrictions will be in place. The validation date is the only thing to change.

- f) *How will the CPSO monitor that residents take their certification exam at the first available opportunity?*

CPSO will monitor communication from the RCPSP and CFPC. Certificates will not expire if the individual does not sit the first available exam.

- g) *When residents pass their certification exams, will they automatically be converted to "unrestricted registration"?*

The individual will have to complete an online application and the supervisor will be required to submit an update. If there are no concerns identified the certification is converted.

- h) *According to a few residents, certain CPSO documents required, including Vulnerable sector checks and university certificates are not currently available in many jurisdictions – what does a resident do in that instance?*

CPSO does not ask for a VSS. We understand that criminal record checks are getting more difficult to obtain. The **Kingston dispatch** will complete an on-line check if you have a Canadian address.