

## REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PART 2 OF THE MCCQE – PANDEMIC EXEMPTION

The standards and qualifications for the issuance of a certificate of registration authorizing independent practice, set out in Section 3 of Ontario Regulation 865/93, stipulate that the applicant must have:

1. A degree in medicine.
2. Successfully completed Part 1 and Part 2 of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination.
3. Completed a clerkship at an accredited medical school in Canada; or one year of postgraduate medical education at an accredited medical school in Canada; or one year of active medical practice in Canada.
4. Certification by examination by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC); and

Part 2 of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (known as “MCCQE2”) is a clinical examination administered by the Medical Council of Canada which is challenged in locations across Canada, typically after completion of 12 months of postgraduate training.

The MCCQE2 is important as a reliable, independent and objective method of assessment of an applicant’s broad-based medical knowledge, skills, judgment and professional attitude.

Due to the pandemic, MCCQE2 examinations scheduled for May 2020 and October 2020 were postponed indefinitely. Applicants in Ontario who otherwise qualified for Independent Practice Certificates but were lacking MCCQE2 were issued restricted certificates permitting practice under supervision in accordance with the Restricted Certificates of Registration for Exam Eligible Candidates.

The MCCQE2 examination scheduled for February 2021 has been cancelled. At this time, it is not clear when the MCCQE2 exam will be made available to eligible candidates.

This Policy provides an exception to the licensure requirement for the MCCQE2 for applicants whose pathway to independent licensure in Ontario has stalled due to the pandemic-related postponements of the examination in circumstances set out below.

### MCCQE2 Pandemic Exemption

The Registration Committee may direct the Registrar to issue a certificate of registration authorizing **independent practice** to applicants who are lacking MCCQE2 where:

- i) The applicant demonstrates that they were eligible to challenge the MCCQE2 at the May 2020, October 2020, and/or February 2021 sittings\*;

- ii) The applicant is presently registered in Ontario or was registered in Ontario at the time that they were eligible to challenge the MCCQE2 at the May 2020, October 2020, and/or February 2021 sittings;
- iii) The applicant was within 24 months from the completion of their postgraduate training at the time that they were eligible to challenge the MCCQE2 at the May 2020, October 2020, and/or February 2021 sittings;
- iv) The applicant otherwise meets the prescribed requirements for an Independent Practice Certificate of Registration and,
- v) The applicant satisfies the non-exemptible requirements set out in Section 2(1) of Ontario Regulation 865/93.

**\* Note:** The Policy may be extended to apply to other future scheduled sittings of the MCCQE2 as may be required during the pandemic.

**\*\*Note:** Applicants with prior exam failures may be directed to the Registrar for review by the Registration Committee under Section 2(1) of Ontario Regulation 865/93.