

Key Distinctions for International Medical School Graduates Pre-Entry Assessment Program (PEAP) VS Assessment Verification Period (AVP)

	PEAP	AVP
IMG Definition	An International Medical Graduate (IMG) is a physician who has received a medical degree from a medical school outside of Canada or the United States.	
Guidelines	McMaster PGME PEAP Guidelines	COFM AVP Policy
Trainee	<p>IMG's applying to enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency program outside of the CaRMS match <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PGY1 entry ○ Subspecialty • Residency electives • Clinical Fellowships 	<p>IMG's applying to enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency program through the PGY1 CaRMS match
Purpose	To ensure the trainee is progressing at the appropriate level of training based on their appointment, identify areas of concern, and determine if the trainee can continue training in the program.	
Orientation at Touchstone Institute	<p>Canadian Medicine Primer (CMP) aims to facilitate successful transition into residency/fellowship training and postgraduate education in Ontario.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents • Clinical Fellows 	<p>Pre-Residency Program (PRP) and Pre-Residency Program for Family Medicine (PRP-FM).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents
Exemptions from PEAP/AVP	<p>Yes – if the resident has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one or more years of accredited residency training in Canada or the U.S • entering a residency in the same specialty or a subspecialty within that discipline/field (check CPSO) <p>Check the CPSO website for more information.</p> <p>Fellows may be eligible for exemption from the PEAP. The PGME Office will review applications once accepted and determine if exemption applies.</p>	No

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Length of Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 4-weeks • Maximum of 12-weeks • Can be extended up to an additional 4-weeks with the approval of the PGME Associate Dean and in accordance with PGME’s PEAP Principles, Guidelines and Process • Extension is not to be used for the purpose of remediation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-weeks • Can be extended an additional 6-weeks with the approval of the PGME Associate Dean and CPSO • Can be extended an additional 6-weeks (up to a maximum of 12-weeks) with the approval of the PGME Associate Dean and CPSO; must be approved by the CPSO Registration Committee • Extension can occur for the purpose remediation
Assessment	<p>PEAP assessments are to be completed in accordance with PGME’s PEAP Principles, Guidelines and Processes.</p> <p>PEAP assessments are to be completed at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-weeks • 8-weeks • 12-weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PEAP Detailed Assessment Form – Residents & Fellow ➤ PEAP Final Assessment Form - Fellows ➤ PEAP Final Assessment Form - Residents 	<p>AVP assessments are to be completed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-weeks • 8-weeks • 12-weeks <p>Final AVP form to be signed off by Program Director and trainee and submitted to the PGME office before their designated AVP end date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ COFM AVP Final Assessment Form
Credit towards training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not count towards training in a Royal College or CFPC accredited residency program. • Does count towards completion of fellowship training. 	<p>Successful completion counts towards training in a Royal College or CFPC accredited residency program</p>
Failure of PEAP/AVP	<p>The training appointment is terminated. The trainee cannot enter another PEAP in Ontario with the same appointment level in the same specialty, sub-specialty, or fellowship.</p>	<p>The training appointment is terminated. The trainee cannot apply again to the same specialty at the same appointment level of entry. They may apply to a different specialty.</p>
Appeal	<p>Yes, subject to the conditions of the McMaster PGME Assessment of Learners and Appeals Policy.</p>	