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## *Acceptable Alternatives to Certification by the College of Family Physicians of Canada*

This policy has been developed for those physicians who do not hold certification by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

### **Introduction:**

The Medical Practitioner Regulations require that applicants for general registration *be certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the College des medecins due Quebec, or an organization, recognized by the Council, governing family medicine in another jurisdiction.*

This Policy sets out the acceptable alternatives to Certification by the College of Family Physicians of Canada, as determined by Council.

### **Policy:**

The following are acceptable alternatives to certification by the College of Family Physicians of Canada:

1. Physicians whose postgraduate training was completed in the United States of America (USA), and who hold current certification from the American Board of Family Medicine. Applicants holding current American Board certification who **did not** complete their postgraduate training in the USA may be eligible for general registration at the discretion of the Registrar.
2. Physicians whose postgraduate training was completed in the United Kingdom (UK), Ireland, or Australia, and who hold family medicine certification from the UK, Ireland, or Australia. Applicants holding family medicine certification from the UK, Ireland, or Australia who **did not** complete their postgraduate training in the UK, Ireland, or Australia may be eligible for general registration at the discretion of the Registrar.

### **Applicable Legislation:**

Medical Practitioner Regulations Section 6. (5)(b)

### **Document History:**

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