

Criminal Record Screening

This policy has been developed as per the Regulated Health Professional Act, to ensure an applicant seeking registration is suitable to practise medicine.

Preamble:

This Policy describes the College's requirements for criminal record screening at initial application.

Policy:

This Policy applies to all persons applying for registration in PEI. All applicants applying for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of PEI are required to undergo criminal record screening dated within six months prior to the date of registration being issued. Criminal record screening must be requested under the applicant's current and previous names.

A criminal record check and a vulnerable sector check are required from all provinces in Canada in which the applicant has lived more than 3 months in the last 10 years, immediately prior to the date of registration being issued. If the province does not provide vulnerable sector checks, the applicant will have to sign an Attestation there is no criminal history.

An international criminal record check is required from each country/state in which the applicant has lived more than 3 months in the last 10 years, immediately prior to the date of registration being issued.

If a criminal record check is provided more than six months prior to licensure date and the applicant signs an attestation that they have not returned to that country since the original check was provided, the requirement to provide an updated copy may be waived.

Exceptions

If the College is satisfied that records will not be available for a period during which the applicant lived in a country or state, the requirement may be waived, providing that the applicant is willing to sign an attestation that there are no previous/pending convictions or charges from that jurisdiction.

If the College is satisfied that a criminal record check will not be available prior to the date of licensure, the College may accept a declaration that there are no previous/pending convictions or charges against them as sufficient for licensure while awaiting the results.

Applicable Legislation:

Regulated Health Professions Act Section 12 (2) (h)

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