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PATHWAY GUIDE

Canada licensing: PRA-BC for family physicians

Family physicians who trained outside Canada and want to practise in British Columbia.

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Leads to
Assessment licence, then provisional licence

Decided by
PRA-BC and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

Our support
Canada: PRA-BC pathway support

Our fee
$500 USD

Is this route for you?

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Requirements

- [ ] Trained in family medicine (the specialty PRA-BC assesses)

What you'll need

- Family medicine residency completed outside Canada, with the required rotations.
- Recent clinical practice and the CPSBC English requirement.
- A 12-week field assessment and three-year return of service in BC.

Documents checklist

- [ ] Medical degree from a school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools
- [ ] Family medicine postgraduate training certificate with rotations
- [ ] Evidence of recent independent practice in family medicine
- [ ] Verification of registration in the country where you last practised
- [ ] English results: IELTS Academic with 7 in every band, or OET with at least B in every sub-test
- [ ] CV for Health Match BC

Step by step

1. Register with Health Match BC and apply to PRA-BC.
2. CPSBC pre-screening.
3. Interview and selection by a BC health authority.
4. 12-week clinical field assessment on an assessment licence.

5. Provisional licence and three-year return of service.

Your next three steps

1. Check the PRA-BC eligibility criteria against your residency.
2. Register with Health Match BC and prepare your CV.
3. Book a consultation for a pre-check before you apply.

Registration, immigration and hiring

These are three separate decisions, made by different organisations. Getting one doesn't give you the others.

Professional registration	CPSBC assessment licence through PRA-BC, then a provisional licence.
Immigration	Separate: decided by IRCC and the provinces. A licence doesn't give you immigration status.
Hiring	A BC health authority selects you; three-year return of service.

Costs

Our fee

$500 USD

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Paid separately to others

- PRA-BC and CPSBC application and assessment fees
- English test fees
- Immigration fees (a separate process with IRCC)

Official fees change from time to time. We confirm the current amounts with you before you pay.

What's included in our service

- [ ] Eligibility evaluation
- [ ] Application preparation
- [ ] Communication with employers
- [ ] Job search support

Our other fees

- Service fee after a confirmed job offer or placement: USD 2,000 to 8,000, depending on the contract and salary package

From our experience

- PRA-BC is a licensing route. It does not give you immigration status; that's a separate application to IRCC.
- The health authority that selects you supports your work permit application, and many PRA-BC doctors later apply for PR while working in Canada.

How we help on this route

- Eligibility pre-check
- CV and Health Match BC profile
- Interview preparation

How we work with you

1. **Start with the Pathway Finder.** It's free and takes a few minutes. You see which routes suit your profile and what you'll need, before we ask for anything.
2. **Talk it through.** In a 30-minute consultation we go through your Finder results, your documents and your priorities, and agree the route that makes sense.
3. **Get a written plan.** You leave with the order of steps: verification, exams, applications and job search.
4. **We prepare the application with you.** If you choose a pathway package, we work through the checklist with you, review your documents and CV, and prepare each application before you submit it.
5. **Job search and interviews.** We help you target the right employers, write a CV that fits the country, and prepare for interviews.
6. **Stay with you to the next milestone.** We keep working with you until the step the package covers is done, and we tell you plainly when something is outside our control.

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