

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

Out-of-Province and Out-of-Country Applicants EMALB 2015-02 Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch Contact: EMA Licensing Branch: 250-952-1211 Program Area Email: speciallicenses@gov.bc.ca	Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter): EMA Regulation Section 3 Applicants authorized to practise outside BC Agreement on Internal Trade Chapter 7 - Labour Mobility
	Replaces former policy: n/a
	Date Effective: April 24, 2015
	Last Update: January 18, 2017
	Next Review Date: Upon regulatory change

1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

Ensure that applicants applying for EMA licensure in B.C. meet all of the requirements as set out in the relevant regulation.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all Out-of-Province and Out-of-Country EMAs applying for licensure in British Columbia

3. Policy Statement:

Canadian Applicants – As per the Agreement on Internal Trade and the EMA Regulations, all Canadian applicants must be registered or licensed as an EMA in another province in order to apply for licensure in British Columbia. All applicants are required to successfully complete the B.C. jurisprudence exam before a licence is issued.

***Exception:** If an applicant is registered or licensed in a profession that is equivalent to an EMA in B.C., then the applicant can apply for licensure in B.C. using the international process and their application package will be brought to the Board for decision.*

International Applicants – All International applicants must be registered or licensed as an EMA or equivalent in another country in order to apply for licensure in British Columbia. All applicants are required to successfully complete the B.C. jurisprudence exam before a licence is issued. The applicant will also be required to complete any examinations or training for any equivalency shortfalls where the Board feels that their qualifications, examinations or training are not equivalent to an EMA in B.C.

Verification of Registration Forms – all verification of registration forms submitted will expire either on the date the licence is set to expire or one year from the date of submission for provinces that have licence expiry dates and one year from the date of submission for provinces that have no licence expiry dates. Once the form has been deemed expired, a new form will be required if the applicant wishes to continue the application process.

Note: all other required documents expire one year from the date of submission and the applicant file will be closed at that time. In order to reapply the applicant will be required to resubmit all required documents.

4. Legal Authority:

- Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3 Applicants authorized to practise outside British Columbia

5. Key Stakeholders:

- Ministry of Advanced Education
- Paramedic Regulators in other jurisdictions
- Hospital & Provincial Services Branch - Health Authorities Division
- British Columbia Emergency Health Services

6. Definitions:

Authorization to practice – Licenced or registered

Another jurisdiction or other jurisdiction: - means a jurisdiction other than British Columbia

In good standing in that other jurisdiction - means that the applicant

- a) is authorized to practise in that other jurisdiction without any conditions, sanctions or restrictions imposed on that practice as a result of determinations made from a review of any patient-care complaint,
- b) is not the subject of an investigation, a pending hearing, a hearing underway or a pending determination or decision relating to any patient-care complaint, and
- c) has not, for reasons of incompetence, incapacity or misconduct,
 - i. resigned or otherwise voluntarily given up the applicant's authorization to practise,
 - ii. had terms or conditions placed on the applicant's authorization to practise, or
 - iii. had the applicant's authorization to practise suspended or cancelled.

Reviewed by the EMA Licensing Board on: 22/04/2015

Approved (director name & signature):



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