

## Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

<p><b>EMALB 2015-02 Out-of-Province and Out-of-Country Applicants</b></p>	<p>Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter): <a href="#">n/a</a></p>
<p>Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch</p>	<p>Replaces former policy: n/a</p>
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	<p>Last Update: November 3, 2023</p>
	<p>Next Review Date: January 2025</p>

### 1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

Ensure that applicants applying for EMA licensure in British Columbia (BC) meet all the requirements set out in the relevant section of the EMA Regulation.

### 2. Policy Scope

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

### 3. Policy Statement:

**Applicants Trained in BC** – All BC trained applicants applying for a BC EMA licence are required to successfully complete practical examinations to be eligible for licensure. Therefore, applicants that obtain licensure in another jurisdiction based on training obtained in BC in an effort to avoid the BC practical examination requirements will be required to successfully complete the practical examinations and the jurisprudence examination in order to be eligible for licensure in BC.

In addition, BC trained applicants that have failed any of the required examination(s) three times are required to obtain proof of successful completion of a new training program to be eligible for licensure in BC under [Section 2](#) of the EMA Regulation.

**Canadian Applicants** – As per the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and the EMA Regulations, all Canadian applicants must be registered or licensed as an EMA in another province to apply for licensure in BC. All applicants are required to successfully complete the BC 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 BC, then the applicant can apply for licensure in BC 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 to apply for licensure in BC. All applicants are required to successfully complete the BC 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 BC.

Canadian and Internationally trained applicants have three attempts to successfully complete the jurisprudence exam. Unsuccessful applicants should refer to [EMALB 2016-12 Out of Province Re-Application \(PDF, 292KB\)](#).

**Application Timelines** – All applications expire within one year of the first document being received and the application file will be closed at that time. The applicant will then be required to restart the application process to be eligible for licensure.

**4. Legal Authority:**

- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3 - Applicants authorized to practice outside British Columbia](#)
- [Canadian Free Trade Agreement Chapter 7 Article 705 4\(b\)](#)

**5. Key Stakeholders:**

- Ministry of Advanced Education
- Paramedic regulators in other jurisdictions
- British Columbia Emergency Health Services

**6. Definitions:**

**Authorization to practice** – licensed 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 practice 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 practice,
  - ii. had terms or conditions placed on the applicant's authorization to practice, or
  - iii. had the applicant's authorization to practice suspended or cancelled.

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

**Approved (director name & signature):**



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## Change Index

Date	Author	Details
2020-09-09	Kfiege	Changed email contact
2020-09-23	Kfiege	Updated regarding BC trained PCPs that try to avoid practical examinations in BC by obtaining licensure in a province that does not require them to complete the practical examinations in order to be eligible for licensure.
2020-09-23	Kfiege	Removed section on verification of registration form and replaced with application timelines to ensure all applicants receive the same amount of time to complete the application process.
2023-02-22	Kfiege	Updated to reflect that policy applies to all licensing categories
2023-11-03	Screamer	Policy reviewed removed reference to AIT