1. **Policy Rationale & Purpose:**
   Ensure that applicants applying for EMA licensure in British Columbia (BC) 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 BC.

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 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 in order 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.

   **Verification of Registration Forms** – All verification of registration forms submitted will expire either on the date the licence/registration expires or one year from the date received by the branch, whichever date is earliest. Once the form has expired, the application file will be closed and the applicant will be required to reapply in full.

   **Note:** All other required documents expire one year from the date received and the applicant file will be closed at that time.

4. **Legal Authority:**
   - Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3 - Applicants authorized to practice outside British Columbia
5. **Key Stakeholders:**
   - Ministry of Advanced Education
   - Paramedic regulators in other jurisdictions
   - 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 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.

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

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