

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

EMALB 2022-01 Out of Province Assessments Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch Contact: Exam program area getanexam@gov.bc.ca	Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):
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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

International Applicants are assessed by the EMA Licensing Branch or contract assessor and recommendations submitted to the Board for approval.

EMA Regulations require an individual assessment of out of province practitioners for licence equivalency in BC. In cases where equivalency does not meet BC Standards, there is a benefit to standardized tools for remediation.

The standardized remediation tools allow for consistency in the approach for applicants and predictability of steps in the application process.

2. Policy Scope

Applicants that are registered outside of Canada as an EMA will be assessed for training, education, experience, and for a lapse in practice.

Applicants that are registered inside/outside of Canada as Health Professionals will be assessed for training, education, experience, and for a lapse in practice provided their training, education and experience incorporates emergency medicine skills.

Applicants that are registered in Canada applying under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement will be assessed for a lapse in practice.

3. Policy Statement:

Jurisprudence Examination

All applicants for licensure in BC are required to successfully complete the BC Jurisprudence examination.

International EMA Applicants that have a training, education or practice shortfalls will be assessed to complete practical and written examination requirements as follows:

Practical Exam – Applicants will be required to complete 2 practical scenarios (one medical and one trauma) to demonstrate their clinical and practical knowledge are equivalent to BC practice when:

- The applicant’s training and experience does not demonstrate that the applicant has the clinical or practical experience for one or more of the services listed in Schedule 1 of the EMA Regulation and/or within two or more competencies of the NOCP for practical application of the clinical practice guidelines in BC.

Written Exam – Applicants will be required to complete the written examination for the licence category to demonstrate their academic knowledge when:

- The applicant’s training and experience does not demonstrate that the applicant has the academic understanding for one or more of the services listed in Schedule 1 of the EMA Regulation and/or of two or more competencies within the NOCPs.
- The applicant’s training and experience does not demonstrate that the applicant has the academic understanding of two or more medications listed within Schedule 1 of the EMA Regulations.

International Health Practitioner Applicants that have had their training, education and experience assessed and are deemed to **be** equivalent to that of an EMA license level in BC, will be required to complete examinations for the licence category in order to be eligible for licensure. The applicant must successfully complete the written examination for the licence category, jurisprudence examination and complete 2 practical scenarios (one medical and one trauma) to demonstrate that the skills, knowledge and abilities of their profession can be applied to that of an EMA in BC.

Lapse in Practice – applies to all out of province applicants

Out of province applicants that have not practiced in the last six months, will be required to successfully complete the written examination for the licence category.

Out of province applicants that have not practiced for one or more years, will be required to successfully complete the written examination and the practical examinations for the licence category.

Out of province applicants that have not practiced in the last three years will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine eligibility for licensure.

4. Legal Authority:

- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3](#)
- [Canadian Free Trade Agreement Chapter 7](#) Article 705 4(b)

5. Key Stakeholders:

- Applicants for a BC EMA Licence that are licenced in another jurisdiction

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Change Index

Date	Author	Details
2022-06-01	KF	Updated board approved and branch approved dates. Posted June 1, 2022
2022-07-13	KF	Updated to include a pathway for non-EMA Health Practitioners
2023-02-22	SC	Updated reference from Agreement of International Trade to Canadian Free Trade Agreement and updated links
2023-11-03	Screamer	Policy reviewed, no updates