

## Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

<b>EMALB 2022-01 Out of Province Assessments</b>	<b>Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):</b>
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### 1. Policy Rationale & Purpose

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

Emergency Medical Assistant 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

This policy applies to applicants that:

- are registered outside of Canada as an EMA and will be assessed for training, education, experience, and for any lapse in practice;
- are registered inside or outside of Canada as Health Professionals and will be assessed for training, education, experience, and for any lapse in practice provided their training, education and experience incorporates out of hospital emergency medicine skills;
- are registered in Canada applying under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and will be assessed for any lapse in practice; or
- have previously held a BC licence and are registered and practicing elsewhere in Canada applying under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and will be assessed on continuing education and patient contacts.

### 3. Policy Statement

This policy is intended to provide the processes by which out-of-province assessments are conducted and requirements are determined for out-of-province applicants, including:

#### 3.1 International EMAs

#### 3.2 International Health Practitioners

#### 3.3 Lapse in Practice

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

### 3.1 International EMAs

International EMA applicants that have any 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 two practical scenarios (one medical and one trauma) to demonstrate that 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 which they have applied 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.

### 3.2 International Health Practitioners

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 to be eligible for licensure. The applicant must successfully complete the written examination for the licence category, jurisprudence examination and complete two 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.

### 3.3 Lapse in Practice

Section 3.3 applies to all out-of-province applicant with a lapse in practice. 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 to which they have applied.

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.

Previous BC EMA licence holders that are currently registered and practicing in another province that were not in good standing in BC at the time of expiry/relinquishment, will be required to

submit proof of completion of continuing education and proof of patient contacts for the last three reporting periods to the Branch for review to determine eligibility for licensure.

#### 4. Legal Authority

- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3](#)
- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 9.2](#)
- [Canadian Free Trade Agreement Chapter 7](#) Article 705 4(b)

#### 5. Key Partners

- 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
2024-06-20	Screamer	Updated policy to include expired license reinstatement
2024-09-20	Screamer	Updated policy format and included EMAs not in good standing