Family Physician Licensure in Saskatchewan

Assessment Option 2: SIPPA

International Medical Graduates (IMG's) who completed their medical education in countries other than Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom or United States of America are required to complete SIPPA.

SIPPA is a competency assessment program that assesses the readiness of International Medical Graduates (IMGs) to practice family medicine in Saskatchewan. SIPPA is open only to family physicians. SIPPA is offered three times per year, with up to 24 spots in each session. Cohorts are typically offered in January, May and September.

There are two components to SIPPA:
1. The orientation to Family Practice in Saskatchewan is approximately 2.5 weeks in length.
2. The Clinical Field Assessment is 12 weeks in length.

Entry into SIPPA is extremely competitive. Candidates who are selected and successfully complete SIPPA are required to complete a 3 year return of service to the Province of Saskatchewan.

Please create your "my saskdocs" profile at saskdocs.ca and upload your CV and a completed Pre-Screen Checklist

Licence Eligibility Criteria

- Completed MD/MBBS from a school found in FAIMER or WDOMS (at the time of graduation)
- Submit documents for verification with the Medical Council of Canada online at physiciansapply.ca
- Pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1 (MCCQE1)
- Either pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 2 (MCCQE2) or NAC OSCE (taken after 2013 with a pass of 75 or greater)
- Pass the Therapeutics Decision Making (TDM)
- Postgraduate training in Family Medicine, including required rotations
- Provide proof of English language proficiency examination (IELTS)
- Have been a family physician in active full-time practice for a minimum of three months within the last three years

If Pre-Screen requirements are met, saskdocs will advise you to submit the Application for Medical Registration

CPSS will review your Application for Medical Registration and may ask for additional documents. Once CPSS completes their review, they will provide you with a Final Ruling.

If the ruling indicates you are not eligible for SIPPA, CPSS will advise you of the insufficiencies request further information.

If ruling is positive, saskdocs will start collecting more information from you, including but not limited to references, police clearance, questionnaire, digital interview...etc.

Enter the SIPPA Candidate Pool for selection into SIPPA. There is NO guarantee of Selection

If Selected for a seat in SIPPA, an offer of employment is given, service contract (s) signed, educational license issued by CPSS

Enter the Centralized Orientation → Enter the Clinical Field Assessment

Pass - start your 3 year return of service practice in your recruited location
Fail - exit here (have two chances at CFA if selected into SIPPA again.

Licence and program requirements are subject to change without notice