



Moving Between Provinces?

PHYSIOTHERAPY LABOUR MOBILITY FACT SHEET

Ontario

About the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario

- Created in 1993 through the Regulated Health Professions Act
- Prior to 1993 known as the Board of Directors of Physiotherapy
- Currently 6,400 physiotherapists registered in Ontario
- Registration year is April 1– March 31

The College is committed to the use of the Mutual Recognition Agreement to assist physiotherapists from other Canadian jurisdictions to more easily register to practice in Ontario.

Who is Eligible to Apply for a Practice Certificate under the MRA?

The Physiotherapist Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) only applies to a physiotherapist currently registered with an unrestricted practice certificate in another provincial physiotherapy regulatory organization. A physiotherapist seeking to move first determines if he/she is eligible for registration under the current registration requirements in Ontario. If the answer is no, then the MRA provides an additional avenue for determining if a physiotherapist is able by accommodation to meet Ontario's requirements.

Registration Requirements in Ontario

Education — A degree in physiotherapy from a Canadian university or a qualification from outside Canada that is considered to be substantially equivalent. Applicants not holding a degree in physiotherapy, but who held registration in a Canadian jurisdiction on December 30, 1993 qualify under the grandparenting clause contained in the College's registration regulation.

Examination — Successful completion of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam.

Practice Hours — 1200 practice hours within the previous five years unless you have successfully completed the PCE within the previous five years.

If a physiotherapist does not meet these requirements consider the MRA accommodation mechanisms (next section).



Applying the MRA Accommodation Mechanisms to Ontario Requirements

An individual moving from another province who does not meet the current registration requirements of Ontario and is eligible to apply for a practice certificate, has the following additional accommodations available:

Education — A minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a physiotherapy educational program at a Canadian University accredited by the Canadian Accreditation Council on Physiotherapy Academic Programs or be deemed substantially equivalent by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators.

Examination — Holding an unrestricted practice certificate/license/registration/permit and can demonstrate integration of practice competency through at least 3200 hours of clinical physiotherapy practice within a period of not less than two and not more than three years

OR

Previous graduation from a Canadian physiotherapy degree program in a jurisdiction where the statutory framework provides terms and conditions of a cooperation between a regulator and authorities of a university program¹

AND

demonstration of integration of practice competency through clinical practice during the previous two years in Quebec.

Practice Hours — Having demonstrated active practice within the previous three years in Québec.

If a physiotherapist also does not meet the accommodation requirements of the MRA, call the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario for an individual case review available within the existing provincial regulatory process.

Application Process

Complete the College's Application for Registration and the Independent Practice Application form and submit these forms along with the appropriate fees and additional documents.

1. These programs currently include McGill University, Université de Laval and Université de Montréal.



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- College website at www.collegept.org.
- The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators provides further information on mutual recognition agreements and physiotherapy practice. This information is available at www.alliancept.org