



## **CANADA**

### **Osteopathic Medicine**

Listed below are the licensure requirements for US-trained D.O.s in the provinces and territories of Canada. All the provinces that have provisions for licensing D.O.s as physicians require that D.O.s be graduates of an osteopathic medical college accredited by the American Osteopathic Association and they be or intend to become Canadian citizens. For the provinces or territories that state, “no provisions exist for licensing US-trained D.O.s,” it is suggested the individual contact that regulatory authority. While there may not be a provision, the regulatory agency may consider amending its current policy to include recognition of US-trained D.O.s.

With recent changes in recognition of the American osteopathic medical degree by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, graduates are eligible to apply for family medicine and specialty medical residencies in Canada. Further information is available through the Canadian Residency Matching System (CaRMS) website: [www.carms.ca](http://www.carms.ca)

### **Province or Territory:**

#### **ALBERTA**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* Must have completed at least 2 years of Graduate Medical Education (GME) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association and must have passed the licensing examination of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).

### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Medical Profession Act of Alberta* <http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/documents/acts/M11.cfm>

#### **Contact:**

#### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta**

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#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Scope of Practise:* One licensure pathway provides D.O.s with unlimited practise rights, and another pathway provides D.O.s with practice rights that are intended for a practice with a focus on OMM.

*Requirements:* To be eligible for unlimited licenses an osteopathic physician must have completed at least 1 year of GME approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, completed at least 1 year of Graduate Medical Education in Canada, and passed all 3 parts of the LMCC. For licenses limited to OMM: must have completed at least 2 years of American Osteopathic Association approved GME and passed all 3 parts of the NBOME or COMLEX.

### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Medical Practitioners Act of British Columbia*

[http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/M/96285\\_01.htm](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/M/96285_01.htm)

#### **Contact:**



### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia**

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Vancouver British Columbia V6J 2A9  
CANADA  
Tel: (604) 733-7758  
Website: <http://www.cpsbc.ca>

### **MANITOBA**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited  
*Requirements:* In 2002, the College voted to register U.S.-educated & trained DOs.

#### **Contact:**

### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba**

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Winnipeg Manitoba R3J 3T7  
CANADA  
Tel: (204) 774-4344  
Website: <http://www.cpsm.mb.ca>

### **NEW BRUNSWICK**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited  
*Requirements:* Must have completed at least 2 years of GME approved by the AOA or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and have passed all 3 parts of the LMCC. There is also a reciprocity pathway for D.O.s holding a license in Maine to obtain registration in New Brunswick.

#### **Statutes/Regulations**

*College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick Medical Act and Regulations*

<http://cpsnb.org/english/MedicalAct/med-act-toc.html>

<http://cpsnb.org/english/Regulations/by-laws-toc.html>

#### **Contact:**

### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick**

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Rothesay, New Brunswick E2E 5K8  
CANADA  
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Website: <http://cpsnb.org>

### **NEWFOUNDLAND**

*Scope of Practise:* To be determined  
*Requirements:* In 2002, the College committed itself to seeing that the government establishes a registration pathway for U.S.-educated D.O.s. It is anticipated that establishing guidelines may take a couple of years.

#### **Contact:**

### **Newfoundland Medical Board**

139 Water Street, Suite 603  
St. John's Newfoundland A1C 1B2  
CANADA  
Tel: (709) 726-8546



## **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* While no specific provisions are in place, the American Osteopathic Association has been told the government will grant registration to any physician that qualifies for licensure in any other province.

### **Contact:**

#### **Government of the Northwest Territories**

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Yellowknife NWT X1A 2L9  
CANADA  
Tel: (867) 920-8058

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* A new regulation was put into effect in 2002 to recognize U.S.-educated osteopathic physicians.

### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1995-96 of Nova Scotia <http://www.cpsns.ns.ca/publications/med.html>*

### **Contact:**

#### **Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia**

Sentry Place  
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Halifax Nova Scotia B3J 2G1  
CANADA  
Tel: (902) 422-5823  
Website: <http://www.cpsns.ns.ca>

## **ONTARIO**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* Ontario is the only province that currently recognizes the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure examination (COMLEX). A graduate of an AOA accredited American osteopathic college that has completed ACGME accredited post-graduate training and has the COMLEX examinations including the PE component in part II is eligible for Ontario registration.

In 2002, the Premier of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) announced that changes were being implemented to recognize international medical graduates, including D.O.s who are now being recognized by the CPSO.

In addition, the CPSO has created a Fast Track Assessment Program for international medical graduates who wish to practise in Ontario. The Fast Track Assessment is an expedited process designed for doctors *with experience*. It focuses on an evaluation of practise skills and can be tailored to the individual applicant. By evaluating the practise skills of the individual doctor rather than looking at the grades and training programs, the College acquires a more realistic view of the abilities of the individual physicians. For more recent graduates, there is the Standard Assessment process. It concentrates on examination grades and completion of an approved course of education and residency. All candidates are assessed in the same way. For more information on Ontario's registration, go to [www.cpso.on.ca/info\\_physicians/applicants/regist.htm](http://www.cpso.on.ca/info_physicians/applicants/regist.htm)

### **Contact:**



### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario**

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Toronto Ontario M5G 2E2  
CANADA  
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### **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

*Scope of Practise:* No provisions exist for licensing US-trained D.O.s

#### **Contact:**

#### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Prince Edward Island**

199 Grafton Street  
Charlottetown, PEI C1A 1L2  
CANADA  
Tel: (902) 566-3861

### **QUEBEC**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* Must have completed at least 1 year of GME approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, must have completed at least 1 year of GME in Quebec, passed the written, oral and clinical board examination of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and must speak French fluently.

#### **Contact:**

#### **College des Medecins du Quebec**

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Montreal Quebec H3H 2T8  
CANADA  
Tel: (514) 933-4441  
Website: <http://www.cmq.org>

### **SASKATCHEWAN**

Scope of Practise: Undefined.

Requirements: Must have completed at least 1 year of American Osteopathic Association approved GME.

#### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Osteopathic Practise Act, Chapter O-7, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan*

<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/M10-1.pdf>

#### **Contact:**

#### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan**

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 1N1  
CANADA  
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Website: <http://www.quadrant.net/cpss>



## **YUKON TERRITORY**

*Scope of Practise:* Unlimited

*Requirements:* While no specific provisions are in place, the American Osteopathic Association has been told the government will grant registration to any physician that qualifies for licensure in any other province.

### **Contact:**

#### **Government of the Yukon**

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### **Schools of Osteopathic Medicine:**

There are no recognized osteopathic medical schools in Canada.

### **Organisations/Associations:**

#### **British Columbia Osteopathic Association:**

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#### **Canadian Osteopathic Association**

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#### **Canadian Osteopathic Association (and Aid Society)**

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#### **Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC)**

(Formerly Federation of Medical Licensing Authorities of Canada [FMLAC])

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