



Restricted Registration Program for Ontario Medical Residents

Information for Healthcare Sites & Supervising Physicians

What is a Restricted Registration?

Restricted Registration (RR) is a certificate issued by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) allowing senior residents on an educational license to practice under supervision, outside of their residency training requirements, for remuneration. **Residents who hold a Postgraduate Certificate must obtain an RR certificate in order to provide clinical service for pay outside of their training program.** This clinical service aligns with the parameters set out by the training program, as to what is acceptable and falls within the skill set/competencies of the resident. The RR Resident works in a resident capacity with oversight from an independently licensed physician who is the Most Responsible Physician (MRP).

Please note that a Certificate of Restricted Registration for Residents is different than a Restricted License, issued by the CPSO for fully trained physicians who have not passed their RCPSC examinations.

Benefits of Restricted Registration

The RR Program provides hospitals with access to a flexible pool of competent physicians available during high demand periods. In addition, the Program provides residents with an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a variety of practice settings, allow job exploration, build confidence to ease the transition to independent practice and the ability to earn extra income.

Which Residents are eligible for RR positions in my organization?

Residents must have completed a minimum of 18 months of residency training, and successfully completed MCCQE Parts I and II, be in good academic standing, and be actively involved in their residency training program (not on leave). Their individual training programs also have further requirements. Information regarding participating programs can be found on the [RR website](#).

Residents wishing to work in Emergency Departments must have successfully completed training in Advanced Trauma Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Residents wishing to work in Intensive/Critical Care Units must have successfully completed training in Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Those working in comparable pediatric settings must have completed training in Pediatric Advanced Life Support and in Neonatal Advanced Life Support.

What are the responsibilities of the Healthcare Site/ Supervising Physician?

- post available opportunities for Residents on the RR website identifying a Supervising Physician.
- be satisfied that the Resident's training and experience meet the requirements of the Restricted Registration activities.
- make a tentative offer to the Resident outlining terms and conditions, including remuneration, pending the issuance of a Restricted Registration by the CPSO.
- complete the Supervising Physician portion of the online application providing detailed information regarding the duties of the Resident and the supervision that will be provided.

Does the RR Program pay residents for RR activities or provide funding to healthcare sites where RR activities are taking place?

Remuneration is determined directly between the resident and the healthcare site. If a supervising physician will be billing OHIP for services provided by residents working with an RR Certificate, they need to observe the requirements in the OHIP Schedule of Benefits Guide, specifically "Supervision of Postgraduate Medical Trainees".

How are Residents privileged while doing RR activities?

Residents who have a Restricted Registration Certificate cannot be privileged as "Residents" when working outside of their academic obligations for remuneration. The hospital should make arrangements to grant "Temporary Privileges" to the RR Resident.

What are the steps for hiring a Resident with a Certificate of Restricted Registration?

1. The Healthcare Site/Supervising Physician posts an opportunity, recruits and makes a tentative offer to an eligible Resident.
2. The Resident completes the online academic application found on the Restricted Registration Program portal, [rrapp.ca](#)
3. Once the Resident completes his/her section of the academic application, it is electronically forwarded to the following for online completion and approval: - Supervising Physician - University Program Director - PGME Dean.
4. The Resident completes the CPSO application and submits it along with the registration fee (currently \$1,035).
5. Once the online academic application, CPSO application and registration fee is received, the CPSO reviews the application and if approved, issues the RR certificate.
6. When the CPSO issues the RR certificate, the resident can be scheduled to work shifts. Please note that the average processing time from initiation of application to CPSO approval is typically 6 – 12 weeks.
7. The Healthcare site arranges for temporary hospital privileges and completes any other relevant paperwork including a "Supervisor Undertaking Form".

For more information please feel free to contact the RR Program Office at 416.597.3650

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