
The Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review



Exclusion From or Postponement of Assessments

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Policy: The Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review Program may, under certain circumstances, and at the discretion of the Executive Director, exclude physicians from assessment, or postpone an assessment for a specific period of time.

Guidelines:

1. Exclusion from assessment may be granted in certain circumstances which include, but are not limited to:
 - a) physicians who have been licensed within the last five years
 - b) physicians working full-time in administrative medicine
 - c) physicians working full-time in government or industrial medicine
 - d) physicians retiring within one year of selection (Medicare verification of retirement may be required)
 - e) physicians who, in the opinion of the Executive Director, are practising on a limited basis within, or outside the scope of, that area of medicine from which they were selected
2. A postponement of assessment may be granted in certain circumstances which include, but are not limited to:
 - a) physicians certified by the CFPC within the last two years (may be granted a two-year postponement)
 - b) physicians who are, or have been, on long-term sick leave (may be granted a postponement for a maximum of two years)
3. Exclusions shall be normally based on information provided by the physician through the Pre-Visit Questionnaire. Requests for postponement shall be made in writing to the Executive Director, citing the reasons for the requested deferral.
4. Notwithstanding the guidelines above, exclusions or postponements may be granted in mitigating circumstances, at the discretion of the Executive Director.