
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 including, but not limited to:**
 - a) **physicians working full-time in administrative, government or industrial medicine**
 - b) **physicians retiring within one year of selection (Medicare verification of retirement may be required)**
 - c) **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 including, but not limited to:**
 - a) **physicians certified by the CFPC within the last two years (may be granted a postponement to a maximum of two years)**
 - b) **physicians who are, or have been, on maternity/parental, medical or sabbatical leave (may be granted a postponement to a maximum of two years)**
 - c) **physicians who have completed a specialist residency, or who have been newly licensed within the last five years (may be granted a postponement to a maximum of five years)**
 - d) **physicians who have undergone an onsite assessment by another recognized body (such as a College) within the last five years (may be granted a postponement to a maximum of five years)**

- .3 Exclusions shall normally be based on information provided through the Pre-Screening or Physician Questionnaires. Requests for postponement shall be made in writing to the Executive Director, citing the reasons for the requested deferral. Notwithstanding the guidelines above, exclusions or postponements may be granted in mitigating circumstances, at the discretion of the Executive Director.**