



PRA-BC Assessor Info Sheet

June 2024

PRA-BC is the FASTEST way to get more doctors licensed in BC.

But we need your help
to reach our goal of assessing
96 internationally trained
family physicians per year!

Since the PRA-BC was launched in 2015, more than 240 internationally trained doctors have graduated from the program and served three-year returns of service (ROS) in 68 communities throughout BC. The majority continue to serve as full-time family physicians in the province after their ROS is completed.

In November 2022, the Ministry of Health announced that it was tripling the number of PRA-BC seats from 32 to 96 per year as of March 2024. That means more family physicians are needed to serve as assessors for the 12-week Clinical Field Assessment (CFA).



To be an assessor, you must have:

- a full licence and work full-time in a full-scope family practice clinic.
- three years of independent practice, primarily providing in-person care.
- taken the two-day CFA online training course by UBC CPD and kept your training current.

Assessors must also work in clinics that can provide PRA-BC candidates with access to an exam room, EMR, medical supplies, and MOA support during the assessment.

Please note: Solo practices don't qualify as CFA sites as there must be two full-time assessors in the same clinic (one primary assessor and one secondary assessor), both of which must be approved by the CPSBC.

- **Primary Assessor** must have a full licence from the CPSBC and have been in active clinical practice for at least three years, of which one year must have been in BC. Must attend the Assessor Training Workshop.
- Secondary Assessor must have a full licence from the CPSBC and have been in active clinical practice for at least three years, of which one year must have been in BC.



Assessors

Clinics/assessors who provide the assessment are paid \$1,000 per week per candidate for the duration of the 12-week CFA: \$12,000 in total.

Physicians are also paid sessional fees for the assessor training time and receive 13 MAINPRO+ credits.

The Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) payment model allows for direct and indirect patient care time to be billed for assessing PRA-BC candidates. Please refer to LFP payment details on the Ministry of Health website.

Candidates

PRA-BC provides candidates with a monthly stipend and covers their accommodation and travel costs.

Candidates do not contribute to a clinic's overhead expenses.



PRA-BC conducts two intakes per year - Spring (April) and Fall (October):

Fall 2025

- Assessor Training Workshops: September 5, 2025 or September 19, 2025
- Clinical Field Assessment: September 29, 2025 to December 19, 2025

Spring 2026

- Assessor Training Workshops: TBD February and March 2026
- Clinical Filed Assessment TBD April to July 2026

Physicians who have questions about being an assessor are welcome to email Dr. Ryan McCallum, PRA-BC Clinical Director, at ryanmc@prabc.ca

To apply, please contact Christal Lawson at Island Health christal.lawson@islandhealth.ca or contact your Division of Family Practice

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