PRA-BC Assessor Info Sheet

June 2026

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.

COMPENSATION

Assessors
Clinics/assessors who provide the assessment are paid $1,000 per week per candidate for 10 weeks of the 12 week CFA, as 2 weeks (10 shifts) are completed at a UPCC/EM site. Thus clinics/assessors receive a total of $10,000.

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.

TIMELINE

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

Spring 2027

- Assessor Training Workshops: February 26, 2027 or March 2, 2027
- Clinical Field Assessment: April 12, 2027 to July 2, 2027

Fall 2027

- Assessor Training Workshops: TBD - September 2027
- Clinical Filed Assessment - TBD - September to December 2027

To apply, please contact Christal Lawson at Island Health
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