

Resident Provisional Registration Policy

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Resident Provisional Registration Program

Ontario continues to experience a health human resource challenge, and the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM) wish to assist in managing these challenges while maintaining:

- a positive balance between education and service,
- a strong academic focus in Ontario postgraduate medical education programs, and
- clarity regarding the resident's role in the clinical setting (this may involve limiting a resident's ability to work shifts in the same unit in which they are training).

Practising with a Provisional Registration (formerly called Restricted Registration or Moonlighting) is defined as: residents registered in postgraduate medical education programs leading to certification with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada who provide clinical services for remuneration outside of the residency program with a provisional registration from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario [Residents Working Additional Hours for Pay](#).

The Ontario Faculties of Medicine support Provisional Registration for residents provided that:

- it does not affect the ability of the resident to successfully participate in their postgraduate program,
- it does not undermine the educational environment,
- a resident is in good standing,
- residents are appropriately supervised, and
- approval is obtained from the program director.

The process for obtaining Provisional Registration is well defined in the [Resident Provisional Registration Program Ontario](#) website and includes approval for participation by the Program Director and Postgraduate Dean, as well appropriate supervision within the approved clinical environment. COFM supports each program in developing its own local guidelines and policies for administering Provisional Registration at their site.



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