

Pre-Entry Assessment Program (PEAP) and Assessment Verification Period (AVP) Comparison

	PEAP	AVP
Required	Yes, as per O. Reg. 865/93, s. 11(4), Medicine Act, 1991.	
Candidate	<p>Non-Canadian citizen International Medical Graduate (IMG) registering for a residency program outside of CaRMS PGY1 or subspecialty match.</p> <p>IMG entering clinical fellowship or elective if IMG enrolled in or completed residency program outside Canada (or the USA after June 30 2025).</p>	<p>Canadian or Permanent Resident IMG entering a residency training program through the PGY1 CaRMS match.</p>
Purpose	To ensure a candidate can function at their appointed level of training and determine if the trainee can continue training in the program.	
Orientation	<p>The <u>Pre-Residency Program</u> (Touchstone Institute) is not required.</p> <p>The <u>Canadian Medical Primer</u> is available to facilitate successful transition to postgraduate education in Ontario for visa trainees. For both residents and clinical fellows.</p> <p>Programs must provide program-specific orientation to all new residents and clinical fellows.</p>	<p>Yes. The <u>Pre-Residency Program</u> (Touchstone Institute) is a mandatory requirement for trainees who match to a Royal College or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and is designed to address key competency areas required for IMGs entering residency training.</p> <p>Programs must provide program-specific orientation to all new residents.</p>
Salary	Determined at the time of appointment.	Paid, supported by PARO.
Length of Time	<p>Four (4) weeks minimum, 12 weeks maximum.</p> <p>May be extended up to an additional 4 weeks with approval of PGME Associate Dean in accordance with the PGME PEAP Policy.</p> <p>Extension for purposes of remediation is not possible. No opportunity for remediation if unsuccessful after 12 weeks.</p>	<p>12 weeks, 6-week extension possible at CPSO staff level.</p> <p>Extensions may occur for the purpose of remediation.</p> <p>6-week program of remediation can be added with support of PG program, and PGME Associate Dean. A further 6-week extension requires approval of the CPSO Registration Committee.</p>
Assessment	<p>Interim assessment forms do not need to be submitted to the PGME Office.</p> <p>Final Evaluation form is mandatory.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> if concerns arise during PEAP, interim assessments and documented meetings with the trainee are mandatory, and PGME must be made aware.</p>	<p>Interim detailed assessments are submitted to the PGME office at Weeks 2 and by end of the 8th week.</p> <p>At the end of the 11th week, a final AVP Final Assessment Form is required.</p>

<p>Exemption</p>	<p>Yes possible for residency programs – if candidate has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of more years of accredited residency training in Canada (or the US prior to June 30 2025) and • entering a residency program in the same specialty or sub-specialty within that discipline. <p>Applicants must apply to CPSO for exemption.</p> <p>See CPSO Pre-Entry Assessment Program Exemption for information.</p>	<p>Yes possible for residency programs – if candidate has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of more years of accredited residency training in Canada (or the US prior to June 30 2025) and • entering a residency program in the same specialty or sub-specialty within that discipline. <p>Applicants must apply to CPSO for exemption.</p> <p>See CPSO Pre-Entry Assessment Program Exemption for information.</p>
<p>Counts Toward Training</p>	<p>No, it will not count toward CFPC or Royal College training for residents.</p> <p>Yes, it will count toward training for fellows and electives.</p>	<p>Yes, if successful, it will count toward CFPC or Royal College training.</p>
<p>Failure</p>	<p>Cannot enter another PEAP in Ontario in the same discipline. The training appointment is terminated.</p>	<p>When there is an AVP failure, the training appointment is terminated, and the candidate cannot apply again to the same specialty at the same level of entry. They may apply to a different specialty.</p>
<p>Appeal</p>	<p>Yes, but on procedural grounds only.</p>	