

This document contains proposed amendments relating to Certificates of Added Competence, Fellowship and Membership Classes - **only Section 9** has been included



BY-LAW NO. 1

A By-law relating generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of
THE COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF CANADA/LE COLLÈGE DES MÉDECINS DE FAMILLE DU CANADA

SECTION NINE MEMBERSHIP

9.1 Granting and Maintenance of Membership. The right to grant new and renewing memberships, assign Members to classes of membership, grant and award special designations, and remove any or all of the above shall remain at all times with the College.

9.2 Members in Good Standing. In order to remain a Member in good standing an individual must meet the requirements of the class of membership to which he or she has been assigned, including compliance with the requirements for certification and the maintenance of certification (including requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) and any other criteria as determined by the Board from time to time).

9.3 Certification. Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP) may be granted to College Members who have:

- a) Successfully completed residency training accredited by the Corporation **and** successfully completed the College's Certification Examination in Family Medicine or an approved equivalent
OR
- b) Met the College's criteria for practice eligible candidates as determined by the Board
OR
- c) Successfully completed discipline-specific training in family medicine in a jurisdiction other than Canada that has been approved by the College as comparable to accredited Canadian training in family medicine and who currently hold certification in good standing in family medicine or the equivalent qualification from a jurisdiction other than Canada which has been judged by the College to be comparable to Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada ("CCFP"), and been granted registration to practice in a Canadian province or territory.

Comment [A1]: Being added for clarity but isn't a new requirement.

Those Members who have earned Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP) shall receive a certificate recognizing their achievement.

9.4 Fellowship and Certificates of Special or Added Competence. Other special designations, including Fellowship and Certificates of Special or Added Competence, may be granted by the College as determined by the Board. In order to maintain these special designations Members will be required to fulfil the College's CPD requirements and meet any other criteria as determined by the Board from time to time, consistent with these by-laws.

9.5 Membership Fees. Members shall pay annual College membership fees as determined annually by a majority vote of the Board. Such membership fees shall subsequently be ratified by a simple majority of the membership eligible to vote at the

Annual Meeting. Membership fees shall be directed towards the cost of College programs and activities, as determined by the Board.

9.6 Membership Classes. There shall be two general classes of College Membership as determined by the Board: a class of Voting Membership and a class of Non-Voting Membership. Voting Members are entitled to vote at the College's Annual Meeting. All Members, whether voting or non-voting, may participate on, vote on, and chair College Committees.

9.7 Voting Members. The following Member classes are Voting Members:

- a) An Active Member shall be a licensed physician in good standing, engaged in the practice of family medicine; who pays annual fees as set by the Board, fulfills CPD requirements as determined from time to time by the Board, and belongs to both the College and a Chapter. (Some exceptions regarding Chapter membership exist, as outlined in Board policy.)
- b) An Affiliate Specialist Member shall be a licensed physician in good standing whose primary practice is a specialty other than family medicine and who holds Certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or another certifying body recognized by the College; who pays annual fees set by the Board and fulfills CPD requirements as determined from time to time by the Board, and who may or may not choose to belong to a Chapter in addition to belonging to the College.
- c) A Life Member shall be an Active Member or a Retired Member, aged 70 or older and a CFPC member in good standing for the previous 10 years. His/her entitlements/privileges shall relate to Active or Retired status.
- d) A Resident Member shall be a physician enrolled as a resident in an approved postgraduate training program in family medicine; or is a physician who was previously a Member of the College and is now enrolled as a resident in an approved postgraduate training program in a medical discipline other than family medicine; who pays an annual fee as set by the Board, fulfills CPD requirements as determined from time to time by the Board, and belongs to both the College and a Chapter.
- e) A Retired Member shall be a physician who is no longer actively engaged in providing medical care to patients or actively involved in any other medical or medically related field of endeavour; who does not pay an annual fee, is not required to fulfill CPD requirements as determined from time to time by the Board, and belongs to both the College and a Chapter.
- f) A Senior Member shall be a licensed physician in good standing, aged 65 or older and a CFPC member in good standing for the previous 10 years, who is actively engaged in providing medical care to patients, or who is active in another medical or medically related field of endeavour; who pays an annual fee as set by the Board, fulfills CPD requirements as determined from time to time by the Board as set by the Board, and belongs to both the College and a Chapter.
- g) A Sustaining Member shall be a physician who is not actively engaged in providing medical care to patients, but who is actively engaged in another medical or medically related field of endeavour; who pays an annual fee as set by the Board, fulfills CPD

Comment [A2]: Mistakenly omitted. In addition, the Life Member and Senior Member criteria of 10 years as a member in good standing is also something that currently exists and the detail is felt to be important to include here.

requirements [as determined from time to time by the Board](#), and belongs to both the College and a Chapter.

9.8 Non-Voting Members. Notwithstanding any other privileges, National Board Directors have the privilege to vote at the annual Meeting.

The following classes of membership are Non-Voting Members:

- a) The class of Associate Member shall include other health professionals or others who work in collaboration with family physicians in clinical practice or academic departments of family medicine; who pay an annual fee as determined by the Board, and do not fulfill CPD requirements. An Associate Member may choose whether or not he or she wishes to become a Member of the Chapter in his/her province in addition to being a Member of the College.
- b) An Honorary Member shall be an individual of distinction, not a family physician in Canada, who has made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of family medicine, or the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or the health and well-being of the population in and outside of Canada. An Honorary Member is not required to pay annual fees or fulfill CPD requirements, and may choose whether or not to be a Member of the Chapter in his or her province in addition to being a Member of the College.
- c) A Public Member shall be a Member of the public with a role on the CFPC Board and/or its Committees; who does not pay annual fees or fulfill CPD requirements, and who may or may not choose to become a Member of the Chapter in his or her province in addition to being a Member of the College.
- d) A Student Member shall be an individual enrolled in a Canadian university faculty of medicine undergraduate program leading to the MD degree who formally indicates an interest in College membership; pays an annual fee as determined by the Board, and is not required to fulfill CPD requirements. Student Members belong to both the College and a Chapter.

9.9 Corporation Employees and Membership. Family physicians who are employees of the Corporation, including its provincial Chapters, are eligible to be active Members but must declare an interest in matters before the Members that may relate to their employment.

9.10 Suspension or Revocation of Membership/Special Designation. Individuals who fail to comply with the College's membership requirements [or special designation requirement](#), including those related to annual membership fees and/or continuing professional development [and any other applicable criteria as determined by the Board](#):

(a) shall have their College membership, Certification, Fellowship and any special designations suspended or revoked: and

(b) shall lose the right to continue to use any College special designations until such rights have been reinstated by the College.

Individuals who fail to comply with the College's requirements for maintaining Certificates of Added Competence shall have their Certificate of Added Competence and its special designation suspended or revoked, but this does not affect the individual's membership status, Certification in The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP), or Fellowship (FCFP).

9.11 Medical Regulatory Authority Notice. On receipt of notification from a medical regulatory authority of the suspension or revocation of the licence of a College Member, the College shall immediately suspend or revoke that Member's College membership and special designations and shall notify the Member of this action.

9.12 Restoration of Membership/Special Designations. A licensed physician in good standing whose College membership and/or special designations were suspended or revoked may apply for reinstatement of such membership and/or special designations. To have membership and/or special designations restored a physician must:

- a) Submit the membership fee for the current year
- b) Provide evidence of having carried out continuing professional development which meets the requirements of the College and any other applicable criteria as determined by the Board
- c) In the case of a physician whose licence has been suspended or revoked by a medical regulatory authority, also provide evidence of such licence having been reinstated.