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Orientation to Training and Practice in Canada Program Exemption Policy

All international medical graduates accepted to a specialty training or assessment program in Ontario are required to undergo a 5-week **Orientation to Training and Practice in Canada (OTPC) program** in its entirety and a mandatory 12-week Assessment Verification Period (AVP).

Candidates with Canadian fellowship training experience may request an exemption from the OTPC program. A signed Orientation to Training and Practice in Canada Program Waiver of Exemption form must be received by the Resident's Program Director, with a copy to the Postgraduate Medical Education Office, prior to any and all exemptions being considered. The form must be received within two weeks of the candidate being matched to a program. The Program Director will sign and submit to PGME.

The requirements for **consideration** of an exemption are:

1. Successful completion of a minimum of one year of a recognized clinical fellowship program in Canada. **Please note** that one year of fellowship in no way guarantees an exemption.
2. Demonstrated competence in the domains of education provided in the OTPC curriculum as attested to by the Fellowship Program Director.
3. Exemption from the OTPC program is acceptable to their Program Director and Postgraduate Dean.
4. The incoming candidate is aware of the OTPC Program objectives and curriculum, and is confident that these objectives have been fully met in his/her fellowship training. The candidate acknowledges that the learning achieved during the OTPC Program contributes to the successful completion of the Assessment Verification Period.
5. Exemption from the OTPC Program may only be taken with the full understanding that failure to successfully complete the Assessment Verification Period cannot be attributed to the lack of having completed the OTPC Program. Please note that failure to successfully complete the AVP will result in the resident not being permitted to continue on and dismissal from the postgraduate training program.