

REGISTRATION

English Language Proficiency Requirements - Exception for Visiting Physicians

The only exception to the English language proficiency requirements is for applicants in the Visitor class who meet the following conditions:

- a) The period of registration and licensure will be for a maximum of seven calendar days; and
- b) During the period of registration and licensure, the physician may perform or observe surgical procedures in an operating room setting under the supervision of a registrant* of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC; or
- c) During the seven-day maximum period of registration and licensure, the physician may accompany the supervising registrant* in an observational capacity only and may not provide pre- and post-operative care to patients.

In summary, a visiting physician who has not demonstrated English language proficiency satisfactory to the College may not attend to any patient alone. All visiting physicians must, when seeing patients, have another registrant* (supervisor or the supervising designate) present at all times.

*The supervisor must be registered in the Full class of registration for a minimum of three years and approved by the College.