PURPOSE: This memo provides an update for final-year residents who will be applying for provisional licensure.

BACKGROUND: In response to COVID-19 and the resulting extraordinary delay to certification examinations, the medical regulatory authorities (MRA’s) across all provinces in Canada have developed special provisional licensure processes for graduating residents.

This communication is intended to clarify the components of exam eligibility and completion of training documentation and the process and timing for provision of this documentation to MRA’s in support of residents applying for provisional licensure.

There are two components of supporting information provided in two stages:

1) Exam Eligibility Lists

For CFPC Residents: It is our understanding that The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is directly submitting the previously confirmed Exam Eligibility lists to all MRA’s nationally.

For Royal College Residents: The NOSM PGME Office has submitted the e-FITER list used for RCPSC exam eligibility directly to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. The PGME Office will be following up with exam eligible Royal College residents to ascertain if they intend to apply for a provisional license outside of Ontario so that we may liaise accordingly with those provincial MRA’s directly.

With the exam eligible lists, the MRA’s will then start preparing to accept and expedite provisional applications awaiting the final confirmation of completion of training before issuing the licences.
We suggest that towards the end of April residents should start their application process.

2) **Completion of Training Certification to MRA’s**

Upon the conclusion of program decision-making processes to certify completion of training requirements, there will be a process for the PGME Office to transmit a program approved list of graduates to the certification Colleges and to MRA’s. Residents will not be expected to provide this information directly to an MRA. The details of this process are being worked out and will be further communicated.

**Program Completion (Graduation) Certificates**

This year, the PGME Office is preparing to provide Programs with program completion certificates electronically to distribute to residents. Secure e-files will be made available within approximately five business days of the ratification of program completion decisions by residency program committees.

After NOSM resumes operations on campus, (timing yet to be determined), hard copies of certificates will be printed and mailed to a preferred address which we seek to confirm/obtain.

**PGME Office Registration Questions:** Please direct all questions to postgrad@nosm.ca and our Office will be pleased to assist.