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## PGME Credit for Training (Following Transfer/Re-Entry) Policy

<b>Office of Accountability:</b>	Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry (FoMD)
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<b>Classification:</b>	Assessment
<b>Scope:</b>	Residency Programs (Residents)

### Purpose

The Postgraduate Medical Education Office allows for potential credit for previous Canadian postgraduate medical education residency training in accordance with the policies of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles behind granting credit for relevant previous training.

Credits for Training apply to residents in both time-based programs and in competency-based training. While the exit from training is based on demonstrated achievement in competency based training programs, time must still be considered in recognition of the formal agreements the University of Alberta holds with both the provincial government and the provincial health authority.

### POLICY

The following principles apply to granting credit for training:

1. Granting credit for training is considered to be the exception rather than the standard procedure.
2. As it is a decision that does not affect a grade or the resident's academic standing, the decision to deny some or all parts of a credit for training request cannot be appealed.
3. Residents who are granted credit for training and go on to fail their certification exam are not entitled to then retroactively extend their training by cancelling the already-granted credit for training.
4. Credit for training must be approved by the Associate Dean, PGME.

**DEFINITIONS**

Definitions are listed in the sequence they occur in the document (i.e. not alphabetical).

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.	
<b>Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or RCPSC</b>	The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is the national professional association that oversees the medical education of specialists in Canada.
<b>College of Family Physicians of Canada or CFPC</b>	The College of Family Physicians of Canada is the professional organization that establishes the standards for and accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada.