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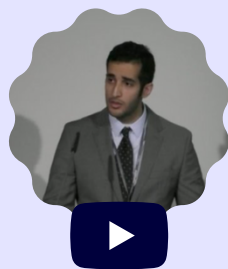


RESIDENCY IN CANADA

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1 Confirmation!

Make sure that your medical school is listed as a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools which includes a sponsor note indicating it is an acceptable medical school in Canada.

2 Create an Account

Visit <https://portal.physiciansapply.ca/Account/Login> and make an account to be able to apply for the MCCQE exam and to apply for the medical license later.

3 Apply for MCCQE1

visit the Medical Council of Canada website: <https://mcc.ca/examinations/mccqe-part-i/application-information/> and read the eligibility requirements for taking the exam.

4 LMCC Application

After passing the MCCQE1, go back to the [physiciansapply.ca](https://portal.physiciansapply.ca) website and apply for the medical license of Canada and pay the application fee.

*Make sure you have met the LMCC eligibility requirements before applying for the license. <https://mcc.ca/services/lmcc/>

5 Availability of Programs & Sponsor List

Visit the Saudi cultural bureau in Canada website <https://www.saudibureau.org/> and search for the list of eligible sponsors in Saudi, list of Hospitals/Universities, and list of available residency programs.

6 Apply to Sponsors!

Apply to Hospitals/Universities for a sponsorship.

Three types of sponsors:

- a- University sponsors
- b- Hospital/medical city sponsors
- c- The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Scholarship Program

- Contact them and know their rules and requirements and apply as early as possible.

*The Saudi Bureau <https://www.saudibureau.org/> has a list of sponsors.

7 Apply to the Saudi Bureau

Contact the Saudi Bureau through either email or telephone (all listed in their website) and inquire about the application process and requirements which vary depending on your chosen hospital/university and specialty.

- The Saudi Bureau is the main platform for Saudis to apply for residency in Canada, make sure to contact them as early as possible to know about the deadlines, available programs, new changes etc.
- The Saudi Bureau will distribute your application across all eligible hospitals/universities.

*Application usually is open from April to September

8 Accepted?

If you are accepted into the desired program, you should begin preparing all the paperwork including the work visa and work permit.

*All residency programs in Canada begin in July



Requirements:

1. Passing MCCQE1.
2. Financial guarantee (sponsor) is the most important early requirement!
3. Taken IELTS exam with a minimum score of 7 in each component (varies depending on hospital/university).
4. Finished 12 months of postgraduate training.
5. Issued the Medical license of Canada.

TIPS FROM A RESIDENT



Getting reference letters from Canadian board-certified consultants during the internship year especially from those who graduated from your desired university/hospital is recommended.



Take advantage of internship year to do research in your desired specialty.

SAMPLE TITLE



Try to do an elective in the desired institution to familiarize with the healthcare system in Canada and meet the program director.



Try to finish from MCCQE1 exam by May of your application year because it will take two months for the results to come out.



During interviews, most questions asked evolved around identifying the applicant's personality traits and their ability to adapt to a new environment rather than their medical knowledge.



The big advantage of doing residency in Canada is that all programs must adhere to the standards of the Royal College, so there isn't a big variation in the training provided across the country.

SAMPLE TITLE



Try to connect with the Saudi or khaleeji community there early to recognize some of the challenges they have faced and to identify what the best programs in the country are and how they differ.



Research publications, strong CV, volunteer work, reference letters from well-known physicians in the specialty, passing the MCCQE1, and showing strong interest during the interview are all some of the strong predictors of acceptance into the program.

HELPFUL LINKS



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