



Change to MOC Requirement for Diplomates from Family Medicine

The Royal College is pleased to announce a change in the requirements to participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program for Family Medicine Specialists who have successfully completed a Royal College Area of Focused Competence (AFC).

Previously, Family Medicine (FM) specialists who achieved the AFC credential and became a Diplomate (DRCPSC) were required to enroll and pay the annual fees for category and the Royal College MOC Program, in addition to their ongoing enrolment with CFPC and Mainpro+.

This dual MOC/Mainpro+ requirement was identified as a key disincentive for Family Medicine specialists who may otherwise opt to have their AFC credential recognized by becoming a Diplomate.

AFC Committee feedback has led to the change being introduced. With a view to supporting the AFC category and promoting the AFC credential, the Office of Professional Practice and Membership (OPPM) investigated and proposed eliminating the MOC Program participation requirement, and its related fee, for family physicians who are eligible to become Diplomates.

Change at a glance

The following change is effective **immediately**:

- **Family physicians who are not Royal College certified, and are applying to be Diplomates, will be exempt from participation in the Royal College MOC Program and its associated fee, following confirmation via a declaration that they are participating in Mainpro+, and provision of their Mainpro+ cycle dates.**

Next Steps

We are operationalizing these changes immediately. Current Diplomates who are affected by this change are being notified directly by our Membership Services and Programs Unit.

Should you have any questions during this time, please do not hesitate to contact us or any of the leads identified below:

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