

Certain USA certified specialists looking to practice in BC, and who are not eligible for full or provisional licensure in BC may be eligible to apply for licensure in the *USA certified class*.¹

USA certified class permits a registrant trained in the United States who holds American Board of Medical Specialists (ABMS) certification in emergency medicine (EM), internal medicine (IM), or pediatrics to practice medicine in BC with limits and conditions granted by the CPSBC Registration Committee.

The provincial dictionaries support medical quality and patient safety by setting benchmarks and practice expectations for privileges in BC.

Provincial dictionaries that apply to USA certified physicians	
1. USA-EM	<p>These physicians may use the provincial dictionary for emergency medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New language added under initial privilege: <i>Licensed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC in the US certified class by virtue of American Board of Emergency Medicine certification.</i>
2. USA-IM	<p>These physicians may use one of three (3) dictionaries available for those holding US board certification in internal medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USA Certified Internal Medicine—New dictionary The USA Certified internal medicine physician is trained in internal medicine providing USA Certified care to adult patients in community, facilities, and programs. Hospital Medicine—New language added under initial privileges <i>Possession of equivalent credentials in Internal Medicine acceptable to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC and the Health Authority and its Affiliate(s) by virtue of credentials earned in another jurisdiction or in another specialty, <u>including the American Board of Internal Medicine certification.</u></i> Clinical Practitioner in Oncology—New language added under initial privileges <i>Privileges within a dictionary of an appropriate discipline e.g. family medicine, internal medicine, nurse practitioner, <u>USA board certified-internal medicine</u>, <u>USA board certified pediatrics</u>, or other. Education and experience should be appropriate to the position being filled.</i>
3. USA-pediatrics	<p>These physicians may use one of two (2) dictionaries available for those holding US board certification in pediatrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USA Certified Pediatrics—New dictionary The USA Certified pediatric medicine practitioner is a physician trained in pediatric medicine providing primary care to newborns, infants, children and youth in community, facilities, and programs. Clinical Practitioner in Oncology—New language added under initial privileges <i>Privileges within a dictionary of an appropriate discipline e.g. family medicine, internal medicine, nurse practitioner, <u>USA board certified-internal medicine</u>, <u>USA board certified pediatrics</u>, or other. Education and experience should be appropriate to the position being filled.</i>

¹ <https://www.cpsbc.ca/registrants/current-registrants/registration-and-licensing/independent-practice/usa-certified>