

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY
CLINICAL FELLOW MOONLIGHTING POLICY

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Definitions

Moonlighting

'Moonlighting' is defined as extracurricular (outside of a training program) provision of clinical services for remuneration. To moonlight, a clinical fellow must have either an Independent Practice license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) or a Restricted Certificate of Registration for Exam Eligible Candidates. Moonlighting can only occur in a specialty where they have already achieved certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Policies

- [CPSO Registration Requirements](#)
- [CPSO Policy – Residents Working Additional Hours for Pay](#)
- [CPSO Policy – Restricted Certificate of Registration for Exam Eligible Candidates](#)
- [CPSO Policy – Postgraduate Education Term for Clinical Fellows](#)

Requirements

Clinical fellows who hold a Postgraduate Educational Certificate of Registration from the CPSO are not allowed to charge fees for services. The CPSO's terms and conditions for issuance of a Postgraduate Educational Certificate include the statement that the clinical fellow "may practice medicine only as required by the postgraduate program, and only in clinical teaching units affiliated with a postgraduate program."

Clinical fellows planning to moonlight must have appropriate malpractice insurance, including the appropriate Type of Work (TOW) code from CMPA.

Clinical fellows who hold a postgraduate Educational Certificate from the CPSO may complete additional shifts if this additional clinical experience is within the educational objectives on file with the CPSO, but may not charge fees for services under this class of certificate. If adding

extra shifts to the fellowship makes revision of the fellowship's educational objectives necessary, then the revised objectives must be forwarded to the PGME Office for the approval of the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME). Clinical fellows doing additional shifts must have a clearly identified supervisor for each additional shift who will provide an appropriate level of supervision.

The policy of the Royal College on moonlighting, like that of the CPSO and COFM, refers only to residents moonlighting:

- RCPSC [Statement on moonlighting](#)
- CPSO [Residents working additional hours for pay](#)
- Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM) [Policy on Resident Moonlighting](#)

Useful Links:

- [Restricted Registration Program Ontario](#)