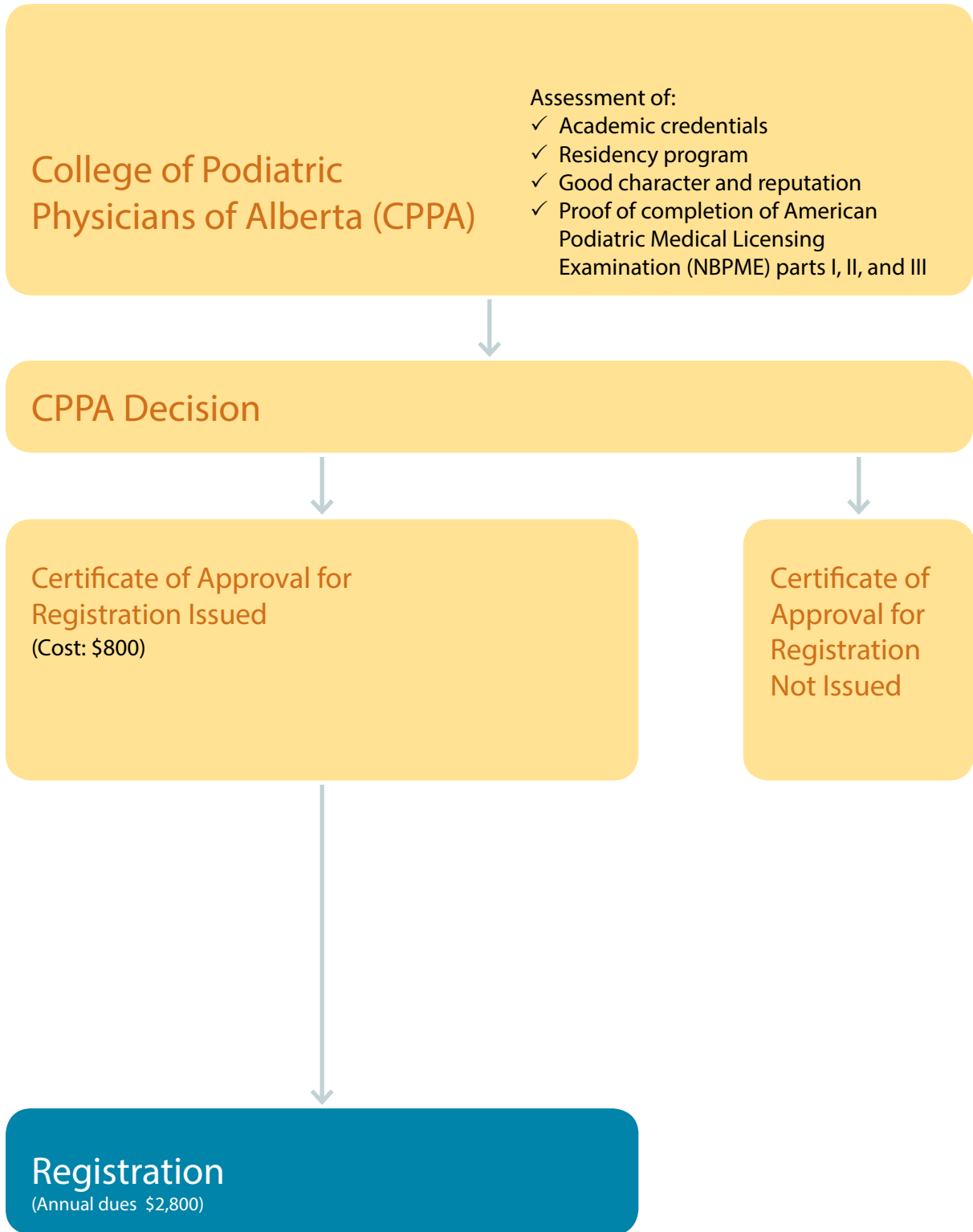


# Podiatrist

## Registration Process



College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta (CPPA)

Assessment of:

- ✓ Academic credentials
- ✓ Residency program
- ✓ Good character and reputation
- ✓ Proof of completion of American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (NBPME) parts I, II, and III

CPPA Decision

Certificate of Approval for Registration Issued  
(Cost: \$800)

Certificate of Approval for Registration Not Issued

Registration  
(Annual dues \$2,800)

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#### **Description of Occupation**

Podiatrists are doctors whose area of specialization is the human foot. They examine, diagnose and treat disorders and diseases affecting the foot, ankle and lower leg by medical, surgical and biomedical methods of treatment.

Some of the issues Podiatrists deal with include ingrown toenails, tumours and cysts, bunions and bone growths, warts, corns and calluses, sprains and fractures, and other foot-related problems. They observe symptoms, diagnose the problem and treat it by performing surgery, providing palliative care or prescribing medication.

In Alberta, Podiatrists are mostly self-employed and set their own working hours.

#### **Obtaining Registration in Alberta**

To become a licensed Podiatrist in Alberta, you must be a registered member of the College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta (CPPA). The application form can be found on the CPPA website. Before you can apply for registration, you must have:

- received the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from a college of podiatric medicine in Canada or the United States approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association;
- successfully completed Parts one (1), two (2) and three (3) of the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Exam; and
- completed a two-year or greater post-graduate residency program approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Contact information and other resources are at the end of this document.

#### **Requirements**

Internationally educated Podiatrists must meet the following requirements:

##### **1. Academic Credentials**

You must have a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) degree from an accredited school in Canada or the United States in order to apply. You must also have completed a two (2) year post-graduate residency program.

In order to verify your credentials, you will need to submit the following:

- A certified copy of your Podiatry school or college diploma
- A certified copy of your residency certificate along with a copy of the certificate of the program's accreditation certificate from the American Podiatric Medical Association – Council on Podiatric Education
- A copy of your official transcript, confirming that you have a D.P.M. degree (must be sent directly from the school to the CPPA)

##### **2. Work Experience**

You do not need any work experience, aside from your post-graduate residency, in order to apply to the CPPA.

### 3. **Good Character and Reputation**

It is very important that you can prove that you are of good character and reputation. To do this, you must submit:

- Three (3) character reference forms. At least two (2) of your references must be either Podiatrists or Physicians, and none of your references can be related to you.

### 4. **Examinations**

There is a three (3) part examination that you must complete before you can apply with the CPPA.

The American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) is facilitated by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) and held in various locations throughout the U.S. Part three (3) is formerly known as the Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination for States (PMLexis). It is a licensing component designed to determine whether your knowledge and clinical skills are suitable for safe practice.

Once you have successfully completed all parts of the examination, the Board of Examiners in Podiatry requires you to submit:

- A certified copy of your examination results and verification that you have completed all three (3) parts of the APMLE.

### **English Language**

English is the working language in Alberta. While there is no English language requirement to become a registered Podiatrist, proficiency in English can help you find a job.

### **Payment**

The following fees must be submitted during the licensing process. Contact the Alberta Podiatry Association for payment arrangements. Fees are in Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted.

<b>CPPA Fees</b>	
Certificate of Approval for Registration	\$800
Annual Registration Fee	\$2,800
<b>National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Fees</b>	
American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Registration, Parts One (1) and Two (2)	\$900 USD
American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (APMLE) Registration, Part Three (3)	\$900 USD
*Fees are subject to change. See association for most up-to-date fees.	

### Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for all Podiatrists, according to the Alberta 2013 Wage and Salary survey:

Average hours worked per week	35.1
Average wage per hour	\$42.09
Average salary per year	\$76,955

### Employment Options

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Podiatrist](#) (for information on all occupations see [www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)).

### Contact Information

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 Website: [www.nbpme.info](http://www.nbpme.info)

### Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on Podiatrist registration visit the Alberta Podiatry Association’s website at [www.albertapodiatry.com](http://www.albertapodiatry.com).

Application Forms and Information

- [Licensing Requirements](#)
- [Foreign Qualifications](#)

Examinations

- [American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination \(APMLE\)](#)