

In February this year, we announced a 10-year investment of nearly \$200 billion in Canada's universal, public healthcare system. This funding is furthering provincial and territorial efforts to provide Canadians with reliable, high-quality healthcare. We're taking our commitment to healthcare a step further by announcing \$78.5 million for three projects under the Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program to grow and support our healthcare professionals.

These projects will help improve the process for recognizing foreign credentials for internationally educated health professionals and improve labour mobility for physicians, making it easier for them to work where they are needed throughout the country. This announcement will also further enhance access to family health services for Indigenous People and those living in rural and remote communities.

The three projects are:

1. \$28.8 million for the Medical Council of Canada's (MCC) "Modernizing Mandatory Physician Activities Enabling Safe Patient Care" project. This will enhance patient care by developing a competency assessment framework for international medical graduates, creating a National Registry of Physicians, and modernizing part of the examination process critical in the licensure process for physicians
2. \$45.3 million for The Foundation of Advancing Family Medicine's "Team Primary Care: Training for Transformation" project. This will improve access to primary care by supporting the training of healthcare practitioners in team-based comprehensive primary care
3. \$4.4 million for The Canadian Alliance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Regulators' (CAMLPR) "Micro-Credentials and Work Integration Supports in Medical Laboratory Technology Profession" project. This will address labour shortages for medical laboratory technologists (MLTs) by helping science degree holders and internationally educated MLTs to enter the Canadian workforce.

This announcement advances the Government of Canada's support for a more sustainable health workforce, with a focus on better data to support workforce planning and tools to support better retention and recruitment of health workers in Canada. This announcement adds concrete achievement and demonstrates crucial progress in improving access to needed care in Canada. We are working with national associations and regulators in easing the burden for internationally trained medical professionals to work in Canada, enhancing mobility. With this investment, we're working toward reducing the health workforce shortages faced in our healthcare systems through innovative solutions.

Canadians deserve a healthcare system that delivers better health outcomes. That depends on a strong, stable, and qualified health workforce to keep the system running. The projects funded today will help improve health care for Canadians by enhancing and aligning training for health care providers. Together with provinces and territories, we are advancing common health priorities by providing better support for health workers. We know that improved health worker supports lead to better health care for Canadians.

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