**Pre Entry Assessments and POWER**

The requirement for all IMGs to have an Pre-Entry Assessment, in advance of being granted a Postgraduate Education license for either residency or fellowship, is a requirement of the CPSO. In Ontario, the Pre-Entry Assessment takes two forms: a PEAP for international residents and fellows, or an Assessment Verification Period (AVP) for IMGs matched to residency positions through CaRMS. Both the PEAP and the AVP are intended to meet the registration regulation requirements of the CPSO.

**Table A** outlines the conditions to guide the **scheduling of rotations and ITERs/ITARs in POWER** while trainees are on PEAPs or AVPs. In the case of IMG PGYs matched in CaRMS and International fellows (sponsored or not), their training during a PEAP can count as accredited training (in the case of PGYs) or training attributed to their fellowship for the purposes of a U of T fellowship certificate. Sponsored PGYs must successfully pass their PEAP before they can start their accredited training in a Royal College accredited or CFPC accredited program. In all cases, completion of a PEAP or AVP form must be submitted to the CPSO in order for the trainee to have their license updated to a postgraduate license. **Table B outlines the key differences between a PEAP and AVP.**

**Table A: Pre Entry Assessments and POWER Scheduling/Evaluations**

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| Type of Trainee | Type of Pre Entry Assessment | Pre-Entry counts for training | Scheduled in POWER | ITERs assigned in POWER | TEs or REs assigned in POWER |
| PGY1 - IMG matched in CaRMS | **AVP** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| PGY1 – Sponsored Visa  | **PEAP** | **No** | **Optional** | **No** | **No** |
| International Clinical Fellow – sponsored and non-sponsored | **PEAP** | **Yes** | **Yes, typically in 6 month rotations** | **Optional** | **Optional** |

**Table B: Key differences between PEAPs and AVPs**

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| **Description** | **PEAP - Visa PGY** | **PEAP - Visa Fellow** | **AVP PGY1 (Cdn Citizen/Perm Res)** |
| Duration  | 4 to 12 weeks | 4 to 12 weeks | 12 weeks |
| Creditable training | NO | YES | YES |
| Funding | Usually sponsored, never MOH | Various, never MOH | MOH |

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