

Description

Provides hospitals with access to a single streamlined credentialing process for locum privileges in a public hospital.

Benefits

- Reduces the time, cost and administrative burden for locum candidates
- Locums are more likely to return to a hospital which has a shorter and easier administrative process

Challenges

- There may be an incorrect understanding that this process changes the hospital authority and responsibility regarding granting of privileges to physicians under the Public Hospitals Act

Recommendation

- Ensure your hospital participates in OHA's Locum Credentialing Application program. Contact locum@oha.com or emerg@healthforceontario.ca. This participation is a requirement for Tier 1 hospitals with HFO support
- Ensure all locums participate in the program
- Set up a process to ensure that candidate credentials are verified, and that there is compliance with the hospital by-laws, particularly regarding the criteria that must be satisfied for physician appointments