



## ICC-Leger #EqualChance Survey

Survey period: December 15, 2020 – January 11, 2021

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### #EqualChance:

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is launching #EqualChance, a campaign asking Canadians to take action against the unfair barriers faced by internationally trained medical doctors in Canada by joining the campaign requesting equity based changes in their pathway to practice medicine.

### The Issue:

To practice medicine in Canada you need to have a recognized medical degree and pass the merit-based qualifying exams.

When internationally trained medical doctors get their credentials recognized and successfully pass the Canadian qualifying exams, they are not given an equitable opportunity to practice in their profession.

Internationally trained medical doctors are prohibited from applying to 90% of the total residency positions available in Canada. They are expected to undergo extra processes, sessions, and certifications that make it almost impossible for them to practice.

### ICC-Leger #EqualChance Survey:

To better understand public attitudes surrounding this issue, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship has partnered with Leger to conduct surveys with samples of “All Canadians”, a demographically representative sample of the Canadian public, and “New Canadians”, a sample of immigrants to Canada who have obtained Canadian citizenship, drawn from the ICC’s network of Canoo Members and Alumni.

Further details regarding these samples and survey methodology appear below.

### Canada-Wide Survey Highlights:

- 7 in 10 (71%) of “All Canadians” agree that there are not enough licensed medical professionals in their community.
- 80% of “All Canadians” agree that they are comfortable receiving care from doctors or physicians that received the majority of their training outside of Canada.
- 83% of “All Canadians” agree that Canada should do more to ensure that International Medical Graduates have a fair and reasonable opportunity to practice medicine in Canada.
- 92% of “New Canadians” agree that Canada should do more to ensure that International Medical Graduates have a fair and reasonable opportunity to practice medicine in Canada.



**Detailed Survey Results:**

To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statement: <b>"There are not enough licensed medical professionals in my community."</b>		
	<b>All Canadians</b>	<b>New Canadians</b>
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	37%	43%
<b>Agree</b>	34%	31%
<b>Disagree</b>	12%	12%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	3%	4%
<b>Unsure / I don't know</b>	14%	10%

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: <b>"Canada should do more to ensure that International Medical Graduates have a fair and reasonable opportunity to practice medicine in Canada."</b>		
	<b>All Canadians</b>	<b>New Canadians</b>
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	39%	70%
<b>Agree</b>	44%	22%
<b>Disagree</b>	5%	3%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	2%	2%
<b>Unsure / I don't know</b>	10%	3%



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: <b>"Assuming they were certified to work in Canada, I am comfortable receiving care from a doctor or physician who received the majority of their medical training outside of Canada."</b>		
	All Canadians	New Canadians
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	36%	52%
<b>Agree</b>	44%	36%
<b>Disagree</b>	7%	5%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	3%	4%
<b>Unsure / I don't know</b>	11%	3%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: <b>"Assuming they were certified to work in Canada, I am comfortable receiving care from a personal support worker who received the majority of their training outside of Canada."</b>		
	All Canadians	New Canadians
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	33%	52%
<b>Agree</b>	47%	36%
<b>Disagree</b>	7%	5%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	3%	3%
<b>Unsure / I don't know</b>	11%	3%



During COVID 19, licensing requirements for international medical graduates have been changed to allow them to work in their field during this crisis. <b>To what extent would you agree or disagree that these changes should remain after the crisis?</b>		
	<b>All Canadians</b>	<b>New Canadians</b>
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	31%	49%
<b>Agree</b>	43%	29%
<b>Disagree</b>	8%	7%
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	3%	6%
<b>Unsure / I don't know</b>	16%	9%

**Methodology:**

- Two online survey distributed via a) an open link among Canoo members/alumni and b) among Leger Opinion (LEO) panel members
- Total of 1,012 New Canadians “Canoo members/alumni” and 1,528 Canadians “LEO members” completed the surveys. The LEO panel results were weighted by age, gender and region to be representative of the Canadian population. All participants are 18 years old or older.
- All survey results were completed between December 15, 2020, and January 11, 2021.
- No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (i.e. a web panel in this case). For comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1,528 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

**Leger’s Online Panel:**

Leger’s online panel has approximately 400,000 members nationally and has a retention rate of 90%.

**Quality Control Measures:**

Stringent quality assurance measures allow Leger to achieve the high-quality standards set by the company. As a result, its methods of data collection and storage outperform the norms set by WAPOR (The World Association for Public Opinion Research). These measures are applied at every stage of the project: from data collection to processing, through to analysis. We aim to answer our clients’ needs with honesty, total confidentiality, and integrity.

**Contact:**

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**About the ICC:**

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship was founded in 2005 by the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul, who continue to serve actively as its co-chairs. The ICC is committed to welcoming new Canadians and encouraging active citizenship. It does this through inspiring citizenship ceremonies, partnerships with cultural institutions, and special programming that champions a more inclusive world. To date, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship has welcomed over 400,000 new Canadians. Learn more at [inclusion.ca](http://inclusion.ca).

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