



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Registration in Emergency Situations - Temporary RN Status

Registration Fact Sheet

Introduction

During an emergency, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (the College) can expedite the registration of qualified registered nurses from other jurisdictions or individuals previously registered in Manitoba by temporarily registering them on the temporary practicing registered nurse register. The College believes that the prompt registration of these health care professionals is an essential component of emergency health care planning and a benefit to the public.

Registration on the temporary practicing registered nurse register for the purpose of responding to an emergency lasts for a maximum of 120 days. There is no processing or registration fee. Only former Manitoba practicing registered nurses and registered nurses currently registered in another Canadian jurisdiction can register for temporary practicing status for emergency situations.

The College's executive director will declare whether a situation is deemed to be an emergency.

Who is Eligible?

Current Registered Nurses in Canada

To qualify for registration for temporary practicing status for emergencies, a registered nurse from another Canadian jurisdiction must:

- Confirm that she/he is applying to practice in Manitoba for the sole purpose of providing assistance during an emergency situation;
- Provide information on all requirements applicable to temporary practicing status;
- Authorize her/his current employer and/or previous employers to provide information on current practice;
- Authorize the nursing regulatory body with which she/he currently holds registration/licensure to provide confirmation of the applicant's registration/licensure; and
- Provide a copy of her/his current certificate of registration/license from her/his jurisdiction and proof of identity.

Previous Manitoba Registrants

To qualify for registration for temporary practicing status for emergencies, former Manitoba registered nurses must:

- Confirm that she/he is applying to practice in Manitoba for the sole purpose of providing assistance during an emergency situation;
- Provide information on all requirements applicable to temporary practicing status;
- Authorize her/his previous employer and/or previous employers to provide information on previous practice; and
- Provide proof of identity.

Limited Scope of Practice

Former registered nurses may have restrictions placed on their scope of practice depending on how long they have been away from practicing as a registered nurse. These restrictions are in place to help ensure the delivery of safe, competent care. The categories will exist based on nursing hours and years away from active practice.

Category I

Away from practice for less than 5 years.

- No restrictions on scope of practice.

Category II

Away from practice more than 5 years, but less than 10 years.

- Reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but typically those approved for Category II may not be in charge of a nursing unit, and must practice with another registered nurse (other than those holding temporary practicing status) readily available for in-person consultation.

Category III

Away from practice more than 10 years.

- Reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but typically not eligible for temporary practicing status registration.

Agreement Required

Applicant must complete and submit a temporary practicing status agreement/undertaking. The agreement/undertaking allows the College to rapidly access vital practice and registration information directly from the applicant's employer and/or former employers, and/or the applicant's current regulatory body (if applicable) so it can process the application quickly.

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