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REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT REGISTERED NURSES REGULATIONS

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**REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT
CHAPTER R-10.1**

REGISTERED NURSES REGULATIONS

Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions

In these regulations,

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1;
- (b) “**College**” means the College of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island continued under section 3;
- (c) “**Council**” means the Council of the College;
- (d) “**former Act**” means the *Registered Nurses Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-8.1;
- (e) “**graduate nurse**” means a member who is registered in the general graduate class as a graduate nurse;
- (f) “**graduate nurse practitioner**” means a member who is registered in the extended graduate class as a graduate nurse practitioner;
- (g) “**nurse practitioner**” means a member who is registered in the extended class as a nurse practitioner;
- (h) “**nursing**” means the health profession in which a person applies specialized and evidence-based knowledge of nursing theory and health and human sciences, skills and judgment in providing professional services to another person, including
 - (i) the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health, and
 - (ii) the prevention, treatment and palliation of illness and injury, primarily by
 - (A) assessing health status,
 - (B) planning, implementing and evaluating interventions, and
 - (C) coordinating health services, and
 - (iii) the research, education, management or administrative activities incidental to performing the services referred to in subclauses (i) and (ii);
- (i) “**refresher program**” means a refresher program in nursing, designed for registered nurses or nurse practitioners, as the case may be, consisting of a formal curriculum, a

- set of individualized assignments of studies and experiences, a set of continuing education credits and a practicum or a combination of these elements;
- (j) “**registered nurse**” means a member who is registered in the general class as a registered nurse. (EC350/18)

PART 2 - PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE

Designation

2. Designation of nursing

Nursing is designated as a regulated health profession. (EC350/18)

College

3. Continuation of Association as College

The Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island, continued as a body corporate under the former Act, is continued as the college for nursing under the name of the College of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island. (EC350/18)

Register

4. Register

The register for nursing is divided into the following parts and classes:

- (a) the registered nurses part, consisting of
- (i) the general class, containing registrations of all registered nurses,
 - (ii) the extended class, containing registrations of all nurse practitioners, and
 - (iii) the special class for both registered nurses and nurse practitioners; and
- (b) the graduate part, consisting of
- (i) the general graduate class, containing registrations of all graduate nurses, and
 - (ii) the extended graduate class, containing registrations of all graduate nurse practitioners. (EC350/18)

PART 3 – REGISTERED NURSES REGISTER

Registration

Registered Nurses

5. Requirements - registered nurse

An applicant for registration in the general class as a registered nurse shall



- (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, meet the education requirement set out in section 12;
- (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, have successfully completed the examinations set out in subsection 13(1) within three years of completing the education required under section 12;
- (c) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(f) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 14(1); and
- (d) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 19(1). *(EC350/18)*

6. Special registration

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant in the special class as a registered nurse pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special class and shall specify the purpose or duration of the special registration, as the case may be.

No renewal

- (2) A registration in the special class shall not be renewed. *(EC350/18)*

Nurse Practitioners

7. Requirements - nurse practitioner

An applicant for registration in the extended class as a nurse practitioner shall, in addition to being registered under section 5 as a registered nurse,

- (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, meet the education requirements set out in section 15;
- (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, have successfully completed the examinations set out in subsection 16(1);
- (c) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(f) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 17(1); and
- (d) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection as required in subsection 19(1). *(EC350/18)*

8. Special registration

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant in the special class as a nurse practitioner pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special class and shall specify the purpose or duration of the special registration, as the case may be.

No renewal

- (2) A registration in the special class shall not be renewed. *(EC350/18)*

Renewal of Registration

9. Renewal - registered nurse

- (1) An applicant for renewal of registration as a registered nurse shall

- (a) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, fulfil the requirements for continuing education and competency set out in subsection 18(1);
- (b) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 14(1); and
- (c) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1).

Renewal - nurse practitioner

- (2) An applicant for renewal of registration as a nurse practitioner shall
 - (a) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, fulfil the requirements for continuing education and competency set out in subsection 18(1);
 - (b) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 17(1); and
 - (c) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1). (EC350/18)

Reinstatement of Registration

10. Reinstatement period

For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, where the registration of a former member expired or was cancelled under section 23 of the Act, the maximum prescribed period of time for reinstatement is three years. (EC350/18)

11. Reinstatement - registered nurse

- (1) An applicant for reinstatement of registration as a registered nurse shall
 - (a) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 14(1); and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(f) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1).

Reinstatement - nurse practitioner

- (2) An applicant for reinstatement of registration as a nurse practitioner shall
 - (a) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection 17(1); and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 24(4)(f) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1). (EC350/18)

Prescribed Requirements - Registered Nurses

12. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a registered nurse is required to have successfully completed

- (a) a nursing education program approved by the Council; or



- (b) a nursing education program that the Council considers substantially equivalent to a program described in clause (a). (EC350/18)

13. Examinations

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a registered nurse is required to have successfully completed
 - (a) a provincial examination established or adopted by the Council to assess knowledge and understanding of the jurisprudence, ethical standards and standards of practice governing the practice of nursing in the province; and
 - (b) one of the following, depending on the applicable time period:
 - (i) where the examination was written on or after January 1, 1982, but before January 1, 2015, the CRNE or the NCLEX-RN,
 - (ii) where the examination was written on or after January 1, 2015, the NCLEX-RN or, if the NCLEX-RN is not offered, a substitute competency examination approved or adopted by the Council.

Successful completion of examination

- (2) The successful completion of an examination referred to in subsection (1) means
 - (a) in respect of the provincial examination, meeting the minimum standard established by the Council;
 - (b) in respect of the CRNE or the NCLEX-RN, obtaining the established pass mark; and
 - (c) in respect of a substitute competency examination, meeting the minimum standard approved or adopted by the Council. (EC350/18)

14. Currency requirements

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a registered nurse shall have, within the five years preceding the application, done one of the following to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:
 - (a) successfully completed the educational requirement set out in section 12;
 - (b) actively practised nursing as a registered nurse, without the impositions of any restrictions under the applicable law of the jurisdiction of practice, for at least 1,125 hours;
 - (c) successfully completed a refresher program satisfactory to the registrar.

Refresher program

- (2) Where, in the opinion of the Council, an applicant fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection (1), the Council may require the applicant to complete a refresher program approved by the Council within the time period specified by the Council. (EC350/18)

Prescribed Requirements - Nurse Practitioners

15. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a nurse practitioner is required to have successfully completed either

- (a) a nurse practitioner education program approved by the Council; or
- (b) a nurse practitioner education program that the Council considers substantially equivalent to a program described in clause (a). *(EC350/18)*

16. Examinations

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a nurse practitioner is required to have successfully completed
 - (a) a provincial examination established or adopted by the Council to assess knowledge and understanding of the jurisprudence, ethical standards and standards of practice governing the practice of nursing in the province; and
 - (b) a written competency examination approved by the Council.

Successful completion of examination

- (2) The successful completion of an examination referred to in subsection (1) means
 - (a) in respect of the provincial examination, meeting the minimum standard established by the Council; and
 - (b) in respect of the written competency examination, obtaining the established pass mark after not more than three attempts. *(EC350/18)*

17. Currency requirements

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant for registration as a nurse practitioner shall have, within the three years immediately preceding the application, done one of the following to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:
 - (a) successfully completed a nurse practitioner education program approved by the Council;
 - (b) actively practised nursing as a nurse practitioner, without the imposition of any restrictions under the applicable law in the jurisdiction of practice, for at least 1,800 hours;
 - (c) successfully completed a refresher program satisfactory to the registrar.

Refresher program

- (2) Where, in the opinion of the Council, an applicant fails to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills in accordance with subsection (1), the Council may require the applicant to complete a refresher program approved by the Council within the time period specified by the Council. *(EC350/18)*

Continuing Education and Competency

18. Continuing education and competency

- (1) For the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, an applicant for renewal of registration as a registered nurse or nurse practitioner shall have participated in and successfully completed the continuing competency program established by the Council pursuant to section 60.1 of the Act.



Record

- (2) Each registered nurse and nurse practitioner shall
- (a) keep a record in a form satisfactory to the registrar of the activities that the registered nurse or nurse practitioner undertakes for the purpose of this section; and
 - (b) provide copies of the record referred to in clause (a) on the request of and in accordance with the directions of the registrar. (EC350/18)

19. Insurance requirements

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, a member or an applicant, as the case may be, is required to hold or be eligible for professional liability insurance or protection satisfactory to the College that, at a minimum,
- (a) is issued in the name of the member or applicant or clearly extends to the member or applicant;
 - (b) extends to any practice setting in Prince Edward Island;
 - (c) provides protection of not less than \$10,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than \$10,000,000;
 - (d) extends to professional liability for any professional service the member provides or the applicant will be providing in practising nursing; and
 - (e) includes an extended reporting period of at least six years in the case of claims-based protection or a minimum retroactive date of six years in the case of occurrence-based or claims-based protection.
- (2) The registrar shall obtain confirmation that each member or applicant holds or is eligible for professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection (1). (EC350/18) Proof of insurance

Designations and Reserved Activities***Registered Nurses*****20. Designations - RN**

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a registered nurse include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) registered nurse;
- (b) R.N. or RN;
- (c) Reg. N. or Reg N. (EC350/18)

21. Reserved activities, RN

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any terms or conditions imposed on the member's registration, a registered nurse is authorized to perform the following reserved activities:
- (a) performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis, below the surface of a mucous membrane or on the surface of the cornea;
 - (b) setting or casting a fracture of a bone or a dislocation of a joint;
 - (c) administering a substance by injection, transfusion, inhalation, mechanical ventilation, irrigation, topical means, enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;

- (d) putting an instrument, hand or finger
 - (i) beyond the external ear canal,
 - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
 - (iii) beyond the larynx,
 - (iv) beyond the opening of the urethra,
 - (v) beyond the labia majora,
 - (vi) beyond the anal verge, or
 - (vii) into an artificial opening into the body;
- (e) performing allergy challenge testing by any method;
- (f) managing labour in an institutional setting where the primary health care provider is not present.

Conditions

- (2) Despite being authorized under subsection (1), a registered nurse may perform a reserved activity referred to in subsection (1) with respect to a person only if a nurse practitioner or a medical practitioner or dentist who is authorized by an enactment to practise in the province orders that a registered nurse shall perform the reserved activity with respect to the person.
(EC350/18)

Nurse Practitioners

22. Designation - nurse practitioner

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a nurse practitioner include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) nurse practitioner;
- (b) NP, RNNP, RN(NP), N.P., R.N.N.P. or R.N.(N.P.). *(EC350/18)*

23. Reserved activities - nurse practitioner

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any terms or conditions imposed on the member's registration, a nurse practitioner is authorized to perform, in addition to all of the reserved activities listed in subsection 21(1), the following reserved activities:
 - (a) communicating to the person or the person's personal representative a diagnosis identifying a disease or disorder as the cause of symptoms of the person in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that the person or the person's personal representative will rely on the diagnosis;
 - (b) applying or ordering the application of electrical energy for diagnostic or treatment purposes;
 - (c) applying or ordering the application of prescribed forms of energy for the purpose of conducting screening and diagnostic tests, including
 - (i) ultrasound,
 - (ii) echo cardiogram, and
 - (iii) electrocardiogram;
 - (d) ordering
 - (i) X-rays, and
 - (ii) computerized axial tomography scans;



- (e) ordering and interpreting screening and diagnostic tests that do not use prescribed forms of energy;
- (f) ordering a therapeutic diet that is to be administered by enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;
- (g) prescribing or selling a drug as defined in the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6.1.

Condition on practice

- (2) A nurse practitioner shall not engage in the practice of nursing as a nurse practitioner unless the nurse practitioner has reasonable access to a medical practitioner in respect of any patient for the purposes of consultation, referral and transfer. (*EC350/18*)

PART 4 - GRADUATE REGISTER**Graduate Nurses*****Registration*****24. Requirements - graduate nurse**

- (1) An applicant for registration in the general graduate class as a graduate nurse shall
 - (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, have successfully completed the educational requirement set out in section 12 not more than three years prior to the date of the application;
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1).

Supervision required

- (2) A graduate nurse shall be supervised in practising nursing by a registered nurse approved by the Council. (*EC350/18*)

Renewal of Registration**25. Renewal of registration**

An applicant for renewal of registration as a graduate nurse shall

- (a) have successfully completed the educational requirement set out in section 12 not more than three years prior to the date of the application; and
- (b) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1). (*EC350/18*)

Graduate Nurse Practitioner

Registration

26. Requirements - graduate nurse practitioner

- (1) An applicant for registration in the extended graduate class as a graduate nurse practitioner shall, in addition to being registered under section 5 as a registered nurse,
 - (a) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, have successfully completed the educational requirements set out in section 15 not more than three years prior to the date of the application; and
 - (b) for the purpose of clause 12(2)(j) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1).

Supervision required

- (2) A graduate nurse practitioner shall be supervised in practising nursing by a nurse practitioner approved by the Council.

Not eligible for registration

- (3) An applicant for registration who has written, but not successfully completed, the competency exam referred to in clause 28(1)(b) three times is not eligible for registration in the extended graduate class as a graduate nurse practitioner. *(EC350/18)*

Renewal of Registration

27. Renewal of registration

An applicant for renewal of registration as a graduate nurse practitioner shall

- (a) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) of the Act, have successfully completed the educational requirements set out in section 15 not more than three years prior to the date of the application; and
- (b) for the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(v) of the Act, hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection 19(1). *(EC350/18)*

Designations and Reserved Activities

28. Designations - graduate nurse

- (1) For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a graduate nurse include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) graduate nurse; and
- (b) G.N. or GN.

Designations - graduate nurse practitioner

- (2) For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a graduate nurse practitioner include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) graduate nurse practitioner; and
- (b) G.N.P. or GNP. *(EC350/18)*



29. Reserved activities - graduate nurse

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the member's registration, a graduate nurse is authorized to perform the reserved activities listed in subsection 21(1), subject to the requirements of subsections 21(2) and 24(2). (EC350/18)

30. Reserved activities - graduate nurse practitioner

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the member's registration, a graduate nurse practitioner is authorized to perform the reserved activities listed in subsections 21(1) and 23(1), subject to the requirements of subsections 23(2) and 26(2). (EC350/18)

PART 5 - GENERAL**31. Notice of terms or conditions, etc.**

The registrar shall post in the directory maintained by the College on the College's website

- (a) the registration of a graduate nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner;
- (b) any terms or conditions imposed on the registration of a graduate nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner affecting his or her authority to perform a restricted activity listed in clause 23(1)(g); and
- (c) the suspension, expiration or cancellation of the registration of a graduate nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner. (EC350/18)

32. Name of corporation

- (1) For the purpose of clause 15(1)(d) of the Act, the name of a corporation applying for a permit to carry on the business of providing the professional services of a member registered under these regulations shall be, in the opinion of the registrar, in good taste, dignified and professional.

Change of name

- (2) Before changing its name, a health profession corporation shall obtain written confirmation from the registrar that the proposed name meets the requirements of subsection (1). (EC350/18)