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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 AND ADMINISTRATION**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 and Midwives of Prince Edward Island continued under section 3;
- (c) “**Council**” means the Council of the College;
- (d) “**former regulations**” means the Registered Nurses Regulations (EC350/18);
- (e) “**nurse practitioner**” means a member who is registered in the nurse practitioners register;
- (f) “**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);
- (g) “**registered nurse**” means a member who is registered in the registered nurses register. (EC551/23)

2. Designation of nursing

Nursing is designated as a regulated health profession. (EC551/23)

3. College

The College of Registered Nurses and Midwives of Prince Edward Island, a body corporate continued as the college for nursing and midwifery under the former regulations, is continued as the college for nursing and midwifery. (EC551/23)

4. Register

The register for nursing is divided into the following sub-registers and classes:

- (a) registered nurses register
 - (i) general class,
 - (ii) provisional class,
 - (iii) special class;
- (b) nurse practitioners register
 - (i) general class,
 - (ii) provisional class,
 - (iii) special class. (EC551/23)

PART 2 – REGISTERED NURSES

Registration

General Class

5. General Class

- (1) The registrar shall register an applicant in the general class of the registered nurses register where
 - (a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or
 - (b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant in the general class pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant in the general class pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act.

Reinstatement period

- (2) For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, a former member may apply for reinstatement of registration in the general class of the registered nurses register within three years after a lapse in the registration. (EC551/23)

6. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, the requirement for registration under this Part with respect to education is the successful completion of

- (a) an undergraduate degree program in nursing, approved by the Council; or
- (b) a nursing education program that the Council considers substantially equivalent to a program described in clause (a). (EC551/23)

7. Examination

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, the requirement for registration under this Part with respect to an examination is the successful completion of one of the following, depending on the applicable time period:
- (a) where the examination was written on or after January 1, 1982, but before January 1, 2015, the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) or the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN);
 - (b) where the examination was written on or after January 1, 2015, the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) or, if it was 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 obtaining the established pass mark or other minimum standard approved by the Council. *(EC551/23)*

8. Currency requirements

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, an applicant under this Part shall have done one of the following within the three years preceding the application:

- (a) successfully completed the education requirement set out in section 6;
- (b) actively practised nursing as a registered nurse, without the imposition of any restrictions, in the province or another jurisdiction recognized by the Council, to an extent acceptable to the Council;
- (c) successfully completed a refresher program acceptable to the registrar. *(EC551/23)*

9. 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, an applicant under this Part or a registered nurse, as the case may be, is required to be eligible to or to hold or be covered by professional liability insurance or protection satisfactory to the Council that, at a minimum,
- (a) is issued in the name of the applicant or registered nurse or clearly extends to the applicant or registered nurse;
 - (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 applicant will be providing or the registered nurse provides 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.

Proof of insurance

- (2) An applicant or registered nurse, as the case may be, shall provide proof or ensure proof is provided to the registrar that the applicant or registered nurse is eligible to hold or be covered by or holds or is covered by, as the case may be, professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC551/23)*

Provisional Class

10. Provisional class

- (1) The Council may direct the registrar to register an applicant in the provisional class of the registered nurses register, where
- (a) the applicant does not meet the examination requirement in section 7, subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes the examination requirement in clause 7(1)(b) within a specified time period; or
 - (b) the applicant does not meet the requirements for currency of professional knowledge and skills in section 8, subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes a refresher program, approved by the Council, within a specified time period.

Renewal

- (2) Registration in the provisional class may be renewed if the time period specified by the Council under subsection (1) has not expired or the Council extends the time period for meeting the term or condition, and section 8 does not apply in respect of the renewal of the registration of an applicant registered pursuant to clause (1)(b).

Subject to supervision

- (3) A registered nurse registered in the provisional class shall be supervised in practising nursing by a registered nurse registered in the general class, approved by the Council.

Satisfaction of term or condition

- (4) Where a registered nurse satisfies the term or condition imposed under subsection (1), the registrar shall register, or renew or reinstate the registration of, as the case may be, the registered nurse in the general class.

No reinstatement

- (5) Registration in the provisional class may not be reinstated. (EC551/23)

Special Class

11. Special registration

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant in the registered nurses register pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special class.

No renewal or reinstatement

- (2) Registration in the special class may not be renewed or reinstated. (EC551/23)

Designations and Reserved Activities

12. Designations

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. (*EC551/23*)

13. Reserved activities

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any terms or conditions imposed on the registered nurse'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 or enteral or parenteral instillation;
 - (d) administering a drug or vaccine by any means;
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) applying sound energy or electrical energy, other than ionizing radiation;
 - (g) applying electrical energy in the form of ionizing radiation to conduct an X-ray for the purpose of dental screening, diagnosis or treatment;
 - (h) performing allergy challenge testing by any method;
 - (i) managing labour in an institutional setting where the primary health care provider is not present.

Conditions

- (2) A registered nurse shall not perform a reserved activity referred to in subsection (1) unless it is performed pursuant to
 - (a) an order made by
 - (i) a person authorized to practise as a medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner under the laws of this province or another province or territory, or
 - (ii) a person authorized to practise as a dentist or a midwife under the laws of this province; or
 - (b) a Health PEI protocol.

Administering a vaccine

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a registered nurse is authorized to administer by any means a vaccine prescribed by a person authorized to practise as a pharmacist under the laws of this province. (*EC551/23; 898/23*)

PART 3 – NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Registration

General Class

14. General Class

- (1) The registrar shall register an applicant in the general class of the nurse practitioners register where
- (a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or
 - (b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant in the general class pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant in the general class pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act.

Reinstatement period

- (2) For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, a former member may apply for reinstatement of registration in the general class of the nurse practitioners register within three years after a lapse in the registration. (EC551/23)

15. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, the requirements for registration under this Part with respect to education are

- (a) the successful completion of
 - (i) an undergraduate degree program in nursing, approved by the Council, or
 - (ii) a nursing education program that the Council considers substantially equivalent to a program described in subclause (i); and
- (b) the successful completion of
 - (i) a graduate degree program for nurse practitioners or a post-graduate certificate or diploma program for nurse practitioners, approved by the Council, or
 - (ii) a nurse practitioner education program that the Council considers substantially equivalent to a program described in subclause (i). (EC551/23)

16. Examinations

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, the requirements for registration under this Part with respect to examinations are
- (a) the successful completion of 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 Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) or the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN),
 - (ii) where the examination was written on or after January 1, 2015, the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) or, if it

was not offered, a substitute competency examination approved or adopted by the Council; and

- (b) the successful completion of the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination (CNPE) or other competency examination approved by the Council, in not more than three attempts.

Successful completion of examination

- (2) The successful completion of an examination referred to in subsection (1) means obtaining the established pass mark or other minimum standard established by the Council. (EC551/23)

17. Currency requirements

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills, an applicant under this Part shall have done one of the following within the three years preceding the application:

- (a) successfully completed the education requirement in clause 15(b);
- (b) actively practised nursing as a nurse practitioner, without the imposition of any restrictions, in the province or another jurisdiction recognized by the Council, for at least 900 hours;
- (c) successfully completed a refresher program acceptable to the registrar. (EC551/23)

18. 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, an applicant under this Part or a nurse practitioner, as the case may be, is required to hold or be eligible for professional liability insurance or protection satisfactory to the Council that, at a minimum,
 - (a) is issued in the name of the applicant or nurse practitioner or clearly extends to the applicant or nurse practitioner;
 - (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 applicant will be providing or the nurse practitioner provides 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.

Proof of insurance

- (2) An applicant or nurse practitioner, as the case may be, shall provide proof or ensure proof is provided to the registrar that the applicant or nurse practitioner is eligible to hold or be covered by or holds or is covered by, as the case may be, professional liability insurance or protection that meets the requirements of subsection (1). (EC551/23)

Provisional Class

19. Provisional class

- (1) The Council may direct the registrar to register an applicant in the provisional class of the nurse practitioners register, where

- (a) the applicant does not meet the examination requirements in subsection 16(1), subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes the examination requirements in subsection 16(1) within a specified time period; or
- (b) the applicant does not meet the requirement for currency of professional knowledge and skills in section 17, subject to the term or condition that the applicant successfully completes a refresher program, approved by the Council, within a specified time period.

Renewal

- (2) Registration in the provisional class may be renewed if the time period specified by the Council under subsection (1) has not expired or the Council extends the time period for meeting the term or condition, and section 17 does not apply in respect of the renewal of the registration of an applicant registered pursuant to clause (1)(b).

Subject to supervision

- (3) A nurse practitioner registered in the provisional class shall be supervised in practising nursing by a nurse practitioner registered in the general class, approved by the Council.

Satisfaction of term or condition

- (4) Where a nurse practitioner satisfies the term or condition imposed under subsection (1), the registrar shall register, or renew or reinstate the registration of, as the case may be, the nurse practitioner in the general class.

No reinstatement

- (5) Registration in the provisional class may not be reinstated. (EC551/23)

Special Class

20. Special class

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant in the nurse practitioners register pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special class.

No renewal or reinstatement

- (2) Registration in the special class may not be renewed or reinstated. (EC551/23)

Condition on Registration

21. Access to medical practitioner

A nurse practitioner shall not practise 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. (EC551/23)

Designations and Reserved Activities

22. Designations

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 or N.P.;
- (c) RNNP, R.N.N.P., RN(NP) or R.N.(N.P.). (EC551/23)

23. Reserved activities

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the nurse practitioner's registration, a nurse practitioner is authorized to perform 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) performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis, below the surface of a mucous membrane or on the surface of the cornea;
- (c) setting or casting a fracture of a bone or a dislocation of a joint;
- (d) ordering a therapeutic diet that is to be administered by enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;
- (e) administering a substance by injection, transfusion, inhalation, mechanical ventilation, irrigation or enteral or parenteral instillation;
- (f) prescribing or selling a drug, as defined in the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6.1, or vaccine;
- (g) administering a drug or vaccine by any means;
- (h) 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;
- (i) ordering and interpreting screening and diagnostic tests that do not use prescribed forms of energy;
- (j) applying or ordering the application of sound energy or electrical energy, other than ionizing radiation;
- (k) ordering the application of electrical energy in the form of ionizing radiation to conduct an X-ray or a computed tomography scan;
- (l) applying electrical energy in the form of ionizing radiation to conduct an X-ray for the purpose of dental screening, diagnosis or treatment;
- (m) managing labour in an institutional setting where neither a medical practitioner nor a midwife is present;
- (n) performing allergy challenge testing by any method. (EC551/23)

PART 4 - GENERAL

24. Online directory

The registrar shall maintain a directory of members of the College on the College's website, which includes information respecting

- (a) the member's type and class of registration;
- (b) any terms or conditions imposed on the member's registration;
- (c) any special authorization held by the member; and
- (d) the suspension, expiration or cancellation of the member's registration, where applicable. (EC551/23)

25. 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). (EC551/23)

26. Transitional, registration

- (1) A member listed in the first column who is registered in the former part and class listed in the second and third columns under the former regulations immediately before these regulations come into force, is deemed to be registered in the new sub-register and class listed in columns four and five on the coming into force of these regulations.

Member	Former Part	Former class	New Sub-register	New Class
1. Registered Nurse	Registered Nurses Part	General Class	Registered Nurses Register	General Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Provisional Class	Registered Nurses Register	Provisional Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Special Class	Registered Nurses Register	Special Class
2. Registered Nurse First Assistant	Registered Nurses Part	Extended Class	Registered Nurses Register	General Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Provisional Class	Registered Nurses Register	Provisional Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Special Class	Registered Nurses Register	Special Class
3. Nurse Practitioner	Registered Nurses Part	Extended Class	Nurse Practitioners Register	General Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Provisional Class	Nurse Practitioners Register	Provisional Class
	Registered Nurses Part	Special Class	Nurse Practitioners Register	Special Class
4. Graduate Nurse	Graduate Part	General Graduate Class	Registered Nurses Register	Provisional Class
5. Graduate Nurse Practitioner	Graduate Part	Extended Graduate Class	Nurse Practitioners Register	Provisional Class



Transitional, special authorization

- (2) A registered nurse first assistant who is registered in the registered nurses part in either the extended class or special class under the former regulations immediately before the coming into force of these regulations, is deemed to hold a special authorization to perform the reserved activity of applying electrical energy for the purpose of electrocautery on the coming into force of these regulations. (EC551/23)