

## Rules for Member Participation

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Rules for the College Programs are required under the *Health Professions Act Regulations for Physicians, Surgeons and Osteopaths Profession*. Rules address various parameters for a program including requirements for member participation.

- (1) After December 31, 2009, a regulated member on the General Register or the Provisional Register or the Telemedicine Register of the College with an active practice permit must be continuously enrolled and in good standing with the MAINPRO program of the College of Family Physicians of Canada or the MOC/CPD program of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, as the case may be.
- (2) A regulated member must, when requested by the Registrar, from time-to-time, provide evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the regulated member is compliant with Rule 1.
- (3) If a regulated member is non-compliant with Rule 1, the regulated member must, within thirty days of the regulated member first becoming non-compliant with Rule 1, make application to the Registrar for an exemption to or deferral of the application of Rule 1 to the regulated member.
- (4) A regulated member must provide evidence satisfactory to the Registrar to support an exemption to or deferral of the application of Rule 1 to the regulated member.
- (5) If the Registrar requires further evidence from a regulated member regarding an application under Rule 3, the regulated member must provide that further evidence by the deadline set by the Registrar.
- (6) The Registrar must advise a regulated member in writing as to whether the exemption or deferral requested by the regulated member has been granted, with or without conditions as the Registrar may determine necessary.
- (7) A decision of the Registrar regarding an application under Rule 3 may, upon further application by the regulated member, be reviewed by the Council.
- (8) An application under Rule 7 must be submitted in writing to the Registrar by the regulated member along with reasons for the application for review by Council.

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- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient's legal guardian or substitute decision maker.

- (9) The registration information form provided to a regulated member for the purposes of renewal of a practice permit shall include the following questions:
- (a) Are you currently enrolled with MAINPRO or MOC / CPD?<sup>1</sup> Yes \_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_, and
  - (b) If yes, enter the year in which the current cycle will end.<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- (10) If a regulated member is not in compliance with Rule 1 at the time of the regulated member's application for renewal of a practice permit, the Registrar may refuse to renew the regulated member's practice permit pursuant to Section 29(b) of the Regulation.
- (11) Despite a regulated member having returned to being compliant with Rule 1, the Registrar may refuse to renew a practice permit or issue a practice permit with conditions if there is another reason under the *Health Professions Act* or Regulations for doing so.
- (12) The Registrar may grant an exemption to or deferral of Rule 1 in the following circumstances:
- (a) where a regulated member has a supervised practice such as:
    - (i) physicians exclusively in a training program,
    - (ii) physician extenders; and
    - (iii) research assistants,<sup>3</sup>
  - (b) courtesy registrants,
  - (c) emergency registrants,
  - (d) surgical assistants (with no issuing or renewing of prescriptions; no post-operative orders),
  - (e) administrative positions with no clinical duties who do not provide advice on diagnosis or treatment of patients,

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<sup>1</sup> MAINPRO is the program of the College of Family Physicians of Canada; and MOC/CPD is the program of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada for tracking continuous professional development. Participation in one of these two programs is required for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

<sup>2</sup> If you completed a cycle in the current calendar year, you must submit a copy of your Certificate of Completion prior to March 1 of the next calendar year.

<sup>3</sup> Clinical assistants and bedside physicians must participate in continuous professional development.

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- (f) practice limited to medico / legal advice based on a review of records and involving no examination of an individual,
- (g) non residents of Alberta with no clinical duties in Canada,
- (h) physicians who practice medicine in Alberta for less than three months each year and are practicing medicine outside of Canada for the remainder of the year.

(13) The Council may, by resolution, identify further circumstances in which the Registrar may grant an exemption to or deferral of Rule 1.

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