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## Government of NL Mandatory Vaccination Policy

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador released the **COVID-19 Vaccine Regulations**, made under the **Public Health Protection and Promotion Act**. The Regulations come into force on December 17, 2021. The Regulations impose different obligations on businesses, facilities, organizations, employees, and self-employed individuals, including members of regulated health professions, and may apply to practise as a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner. Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners are encouraged to review the Regulations and be aware of any obligations applicable to them under the [COVID-19 Vaccine Regulations](#)

## Official Launch of ALL NEW Communication Initiatives

We are pleased to launch an all-new comprehensive suite of communication initiatives from the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador. We have officially launched a new and modernized [website](#) that has been designed for optimal efficiency and ease of use. The College is also pleased to launch their new Facebook and Instagram pages which will serve as a message board where registrants can avail of regulatory news and educational events. The social media platforms will be active in the coming days.

## Changes in Annual Fees

With the decision by CNA to move to individual memberships, the College Council approved the change of the By-laws to reflect this. As a result, **the registration and annual licensure renewal fee for RNs and NPs from the College for April 2022 will be \$73.19 less than years prior.**

## Opportunity to join College Council

As a member of the College Council, you will fulfill one of the most important responsibilities of being a registered nurse (RN) – leading your regulatory body in the public's interest. Why not run for election as a Domain Councillor and/or nominate an RN who can make this valuable contribution to regulation? To be a candidate for election, the nominee must be a registered nurse who resides within the province and holds a practicing license in good standing issued by the College. **[The positions of Nursing Domain Councillor for Practice and Nursing Domain Councillor for Advanced Practice are closing on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021!](#)**

## Scope of Practice Document - Consultation

In the coming weeks, registrants will be provided an opportunity to participate in consultation of the new Scope of Practice document. Please keep an eye out for the survey link in your inbox.

## RN Prescribing

Work has begun on creating the regulations necessary to add prescribing into the scope of RNs in NL. As health care evolves and the needs of the population change, select RNs may have prescriptive authority added to their scope of practice in specific employer identified areas of need.

## A New Year...A New CCP

The College is set to unveil a new Continuing Competency Program (CCP) in January 2022. A campaign will be launched at this time to provide all the details on the program with implementation slated for April 1, 2022.

## FEEDBACK REQUESTED

The College, like the nursing profession itself, is continuously evolving. With the debut of the new website and the launch of Facebook, Instagram and continued use of Twitter, the College is requesting feedback on the ways in which we communicate with RNs and NPs. We encourage registrants to share their comments/feedback/suggestions by emailing [Communications@crnnl.ca](mailto:Communications@crnnl.ca)

## Quality Care NL

Choosing Wisely Canada has released recommendations for Trauma in collaboration with Trauma Association of Canada: Three Things Clinicians and Patients Should Question: To find out more please [click here](#).

## Building Future Relationships

A motion was made at a recent meeting of College Council to explore future relationships with the other health regulators to find ways of greater collaboration, joint ventures and enhanced operational efficiency. Council requested the Executive Director begin preliminary work on the matter.

## Changes to Registered Nurses Act - Approval of Auditors

A provincial and national scan showed that nationally most regulators no longer require their membership to approve the appointment of auditors at their Annual General Meetings. Given the process for the selection of auditors and the financial statements themselves are approved by Council and not membership, College Council moved to request that government amend the Act accordingly.

## IEN Bridging/ Re - Entry Program's Annual Report

Council accepted the IEN Bridging/ Re - Entry Program's Annual Report which showcased success in preparing students to meet the entry-level competencies and highlighted several achievements and initiatives. An annual report from nursing education programs ensures the program continues to meet the regulatory mandate. The program received a 5-year approved status in October 2019.

## FAQs on Immunizations

The College is in the process of creating two new FAQ documents related to immunizations: RNs providing Flu Vaccines in a Community Pharmacy and Provincial COVID-19 Regulations and Mandatory Vaccination requirements. This FAQs will aim to ensure you are aware of regulatory requirements related to these topics. Once finalized, the FAQs will be posted to the website under Practice Topics, Immunizations.

## Follow the College on Social Media



Please note, **you cannot unsubscribe to this communication**. It contains important regulatory information relevant to your practice, membership, and registration/licensure.

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