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Bylaw Updates

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) has amended regulatory bylaws to help ensure an optimal number of pharmacy professionals are available to provide pharmacy care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and any future potential emergencies. The new emergency licensure bylaws and the amendments to the conditional practising bylaws support the College’s mission of protecting the public interest by building excellence in professional pharmacy practice through regulation.

The regulatory bylaw amendments have been approved by the Minister of Health, effective April 17, 2020, which allow expedited emergency licensure of pharmacy professionals and changes to the conditional licensure bylaws with SCPP.

Emergency Licensure Provisions

**Provide expedited, no-fee temporary
emergency registration/licensure**

The amendments ensure expedited, no-fee, temporary emergency licensure/registration for Retired, Associate, Non-Practising members, pharmacy professionals who were previously registered/licensed with the SCPP, and pharmacy professionals (in good standing) from other Canadian jurisdictions. These professionals must have been previously licensed/registered within the last three years, be in good standing, and have no ongoing complaints investigation or disciplinary findings.

These amendments may help to address

potential Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic (or any other potential future emergencies). Please see the [Emergency Registration and Licensure – Supplemental Policy](#) for more information.

A [pre-registration screening form](#) is provided for further information and to express interest in obtaining this licence.

**Provide Interns with the authority
to complete Advanced Method
Certification (AMC) in an emergency
situation**

At the discretion of the Registrar, this new authority will ensure an optimal number of pharmacy professionals are available to administer the flu vaccination, a potential COVID-19 vaccination, or other necessary medications by injection or other routes.

Conditional Licensure Amendments

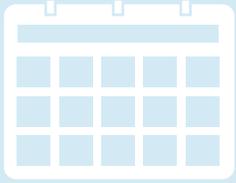
**End the Conditional Practising
membership category and offer a new
Extended Internship membership
category**

The amendments end the Conditional Practising Membership category for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.

Current conditional practising members may remain in this membership category until July 31, 2021 or the results of the PEBC exams, whichever comes first.

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Mark your calendars



April 1, 2020

The effective date SCPP required a criminal record check from all current members by the end of the 2020-2021 registration year, which includes existing members seeking membership renewals and medical practitioners (who are registered as Licensed Pharmacists).

June 30, 2020

The date to which licence renewals have been extended with no late penalty, and by which the 15 CEUs must be completed by current members.

September 30, 2020

Currently, First Aid and CPR Level C certificates that expire between March 31 and June 30, will be extended until this date.

September 30, 2020

Emergency registration and licensure is valid until this date unless extended by the Registrar.

July 31, 2021

Current conditional practising members may remain in this membership category until this date or the results of the PEBC exams, whichever comes first.

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These members have received an email directly from SCPP with more information. There will be no new registrations within this membership category.

Moving forward, a Pharmacy graduate may remain as an Intern until the earlier of: 1) Such time as the College receives satisfactory evidence that the person has been granted a Certificate of Qualification from the PEBC; or 2) 12 months after the person has obtained their degree, with the possibility of a six-month extension through an appeal to the Registrar if required.

One of the main public safety roles of the SCPP is to ensure that applicants have acquired the appropriate level of skills and abilities prior to becoming practising members in Saskatchewan, and these amendments support this aim. Pharmacy professionals are responsible and accountable to patients through the legislation, standards, policies, and bylaws of the SCPP.

Ensure registration/licensure with SCPP for current final-year Pharmacy students

The University of Saskatchewan has alerted the SCPP that final-year Pharmacy students were unable to complete their studies in the traditional manner and in compliance with SCPP bylaw requirements. Graduated Pharmacy students are also not able to write Part 1 (MCQ) and Part II (OSEC) of the PEBC qualifying examinations until at least Fall 2020, as the May 2020 exam has been cancelled.

The amendments allow final-year Pharmacy students to remain registered with the SCPP as Interns. For more details, see the [Emergency Registration and Licensure – Supplemental Policy](#).

Council Highlights - April 2020 Meeting

Criminal Record Checks for new applicants for licensure, including temporary licensure

The following statement is an amendment to our original communication about criminal record checks in light of COVID-19: “Effective April 1, 2020, SCPP requires a criminal record check from all current members by the end of the 2020-2021 registration year, which includes existing members seeking membership renewals and medical practitioners (who are registered as Licensed Pharmacists).

All new applicants for licensure, including temporary licensure under the emergency bylaws, will be required to submit a criminal record check with their application for membership. Details on how to obtain a criminal record check with the College’s designated provider will be found in the Registrations section of the SCPP website. These amendments will help to optimally protect the safety of the public.” For more details, please see the [Criminal Record Check Policy Document and FAQs](#).

Advanced Method Certification (AMC)

SCPP will approve licence renewals and the continuation of AMC for those pharmacists whose First Aid and CPR level C certificates expire between March 31 and June 30, 2020. At this time, certificates that expire between March 31 and June 30 will be extended until September 30, 2020. SCPP reminds members that in-date and valid First Aid and CPR level C qualifications must be maintained to provide injections and failure to do so will void malpractice insurance.

Licence Renewals and Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Please note that the membership renewal you received on April 16, 2020 stated June 1, 2020 in error.

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Licence renewals have been extended to June 30, 2020 with no late penalty.

Council has determined that all members will be required to have completed and declare the 15 CEUs for licence renewal. As with the extension of licence renewal, CEU requirements must be met by June 30, 2020.

SCPP wishes to remind members that CEUs can be obtained via either accredited or non-accredited education. Information provided on the [SCPP COVID-19 web page](#) as well as other COVID related resources would be an excellent source of non-accredited learning.

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Spring Updates to MySaskHealthRecord



The eHealth Saskatchewan service continues to expand features of MySaskHealthRecord – the secure website that enables Saskatchewan residents to quickly and easily access their personal health information, including laboratory test results, medical imaging reports and clinical visit history.

As of April 5, the following has been updated or changed:

- Immunization history will be automatically loaded for all existing and new users. The immunization data is sourced from Panorama, the Saskatchewan immunization registry, and will include only the immunizations that are available in Panorama.
- Users are now able to share all or part of their records with a ‘Share My Record’ feature. They can provide the option for others to contribute to their records by granting read or write permissions, and they can modify other users’ access at any time.
- After consultation with various stakeholders, a decision was made to implement a four-day delay from the time pathology results are available to the time they are posted to MySaskHealthRecord.

The following changes were made mid-March in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- People registering can phone the support line to request their PINs to complete their registration because the mailing of PINs has been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Access to the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool has been added.
- The following guiding text has been added to COVID-19 test results: “Persons on self-isolation for 14 days because of COVID-19, must remain on self-isolation for the duration of the 14 days despite a negative test result. Please contact your local public health office if you have any questions.”

If members have any questions related to the above changes and updates, or questions in general, they can visit ehealthsask.ca/mysaskhealthrecord or call the support line at 1-844-767-8259. The [MySaskHealthRecord release](#) is also available to review.

“Wet” signatures

In an effort to prevent prescription forgeries, the Saskatchewan College of Physician and Surgeons (CPSS) has amended Regulatory Bylaw 17.1.

“(d) handwritten prescriptions given directly to the patient must be signed manually. EMR-generated prescriptions that are printed and given directly to the patient must be counter-signed with a “wet” signature.”



This means that handwritten and EMR-generated prescriptions given directly to a patient must be signed manually with a “wet” signature.

At a 2019 CPSS council meeting, it was agreed that education will need to be provided to physicians with respect to the bylaw amendment, and the College of Medicine Department will work with the CPSS and the SCPP to develop an appropriate education course with the potential of continuing education units.

SCPP Members Facebook Group

When there is something the College would like to get out quickly, including drug recalls, drug schedule changes, important notices, etc. the SCPP Members Facebook group is one of the avenues the College uses.

It is also a place where members can ask questions and post information that will benefit the community.

Note that updates related to the COVID-19

pandemic are being posted to the SCPP website

(www.saskpharm.ca). The group is available to any SCPP member who has an active member number and is a Facebook user. The Facebook Group has been set up as a “secret” group and is therefore not viewable by others.



How to Join: Email info@saskpharm.ca with “Join SCPP Members Group” in the subject line. Please include a first and last name, licence number and the email address associated with your Facebook account in the body of the email. An invitation to join the group will be sent via Facebook. Participants can leave the group at any time.

COVID-19 Web Page Tips & Tricks

For up-to-the-minute information, news and events, visit the homepage of SCPP www.saskpharm.ca

MicroSCOPE is published by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals and may include decisions on matters such as regulations, drug schedule changes, etc.

MicroSCOPE is emailed to all active members of the College and therefore SCPP assumes all members are aware of these matters.

To open this newsletter in a browser, click [here](#).

Members will likely have noticed some big changes to SCPP's COVID-19 update web page. These changes were made to help users of the site easily navigate the wealth of crucial information available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below are some tips to help pharmacy professionals take advantage of that page and keep up to date with continually evolving standards:

- The information is now divided into three broad categories: Prescribing and Drug, Pharmacy Operations, and Provincial and Federal Announcements.
- Clicking on any update will reveal immediate summarized information, which will often contain links to more detailed information, documents, websites and press releases.
- Each category is sorted with the most recent updates at the top.
- The top of the page will have a note about when the page was updated, which will give users a clue as to whether there are any updates that may be new to them since they last checked the page.
- The right column with resources listed by key organizations remains a place for members to gain quick access to necessary materials and support.
- If members need to find particular key words, pressing CTRL+F on a PC or CMD+F on a Mac will open a search bar. They will then be able to cycle through instances of that word in use on the page.
- Everyone is encouraged to check SCPP's COVID-19 page daily to be kept abreast of any new developments.

Pressing CTRL+F on a PC or CMD+F on a Mac will allow you to search specific terms and cycle through their uses on the page.

The screenshot shows the SCPP COVID-19 update web page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for ABOUT US, PUBLIC PROTECTION, REGISTRATION, PHARMACY, PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, and COMPASS. A MEMBER LOGIN button and a Custom Search input field are also present. Below the navigation, the main heading is "Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information" with a sub-heading: "This is an evolving situation. Please continue to monitor our website so that you are kept abreast of any new developments." The page is divided into three columns: "Coming Soon" (with bullet points about adjusting ways to deliver pharmacy services and surge capacity), "Latest News" (with a page last updated date of April 9, 2020, and a "Most Recent" section listing updates from April 09, 2020), and "Resources" (with a list of links to various documents and reports). A search bar is visible at the bottom of the page, with the word "Prescription" entered and search options like "Highlight All", "Match Case", "Match Diacritics", and "Whole Words" shown.