



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PHARMACY BOARD

Policy

Re-Registration of Pharmacists

(as per Bylaw 87)

Amended August 10, 2010

Background:

Sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Pharmaceutical Association Regulations* read as follows:

"5(2) A person who, although previously registered as a pharmacist, has not held an annual certificate of registration during a period exceeding one year immediately before the year for that which the person seeks a certificate of registration shall not be entitled to obtain that certificate of registration unless that person, in addition to the requirements set out in the Act,

- a) has completed a period of internship of practical work under the direct supervision of an approved preceptor for at least one month of internship, subject to increase at the discretion of the council, for each full year or part of a year, beyond one year, since the pharmacist was last registered; and*
- b) satisfactorily completes other practical and theoretical training courses and examinations that the council may require.*

5(3) In order to receive a certificate of registration, a person who has not been engaged in the practice of pharmacy at least 420 hours in two consecutive calendar years shall be required to complete a course of studies or a period of internship as required by the board."

From time to time pharmacists who are registered in this province do not re-new their annual registration, either because they have ceased to practice, or because they have moved to another jurisdiction to practice. On occasion as well, some of these pharmacists later seek to re-register in this province and thereby become subject to the requirements of section 5(2) of the regulations noted above.

The question has arisen more than once in recent years as to when section 5(2)(b) should come into play, and if so, what those "other" requirements should be. Typically these cases involve a pharmacist who has been out of practice for a significant number of years, and the question arises as to how the NLPB can adequately assess the competency of that person to return to practice.

Based on the existing regulations and discussion with other pharmacy regulatory bodies in Canada as to the process they would use in similar circumstances, the following requirements were adopted by the Board as Board Policy:

Pharmacists who were previously registered in Newfoundland and Labrador may be re-registered to practice in this province upon the following conditions:

- a) Out of practice for less than 2 years:
 - completion of 15 CEU credits, and
 - payment of the annual registration fee
- b) Out of practice more than 2 years, but less than 5 years:
 - successful completion of 1 month¹ internship for each year or part year, beyond one year, that the pharmacist has been out of practice,
 - successful re-writing of the NLPB Registration Examination,
 - completion of 15 CEU credits, and
 - payment of the annual registration fee
- c) Out of practice for more than 5 years:
 - successful completion of 1 month¹ internship for each year out of practice, to a maximum of 8 months,
 - successful completion of Part II of the PEBC Qualifying Examination,
 - successful re-writing of the NLPB Registration Examination,
 - completion of 15 CEU credits, and
 - payment of the annual registration fee
- d) Not registered in Newfoundland and Labrador for less than 2 years, but practicing in another province of Canada:
 - letter of standing from the province in which the applicant is currently registered (that includes confirmation of compliance with CE or Competency Assessment requirements of that province),
 - confirmation of 420 hours practice as a pharmacist in the past two years, and
 - payment of annual registration fee
- e) Not registered in Newfoundland and Labrador for more than 2 years, but practicing in another province of Canada:
 - letter of standing from the province in which the applicant is currently registered (that includes confirmation of compliance with CE or Competency Assessment requirements of that province),
 - confirmation of 420 hours practice as a pharmacist in the past two years,
 - successful re-writing of the NLPB Registration Examination, and
 - payment of annual registration fee

The Board retains the authority to consider each individual application for re-registration on its own merits and to exercise discretion in setting the conditions for re-registration of that applicant, based on the individual particulars of that application.

¹ For internship purposed "one month" is defined as a minimum of 35 practice hours per week for 4 weeks.