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News



Council Elections

The call for nominations is now open! Elections will be held in Districts 2, 4, and 6 in the new year. Registrants in each of these districts would have received an e-mail on November 5, 2020 calling for nominations to be submitted by December 10, 2020. Find your district and access the Election Handbook and nomination forms [here](#).

Registration Renewal 2021

Mark your calendar, Registration Renewal will open February 14.

Pre-renewal tips:

- Are you planning on changing your registration class? You have until March 17 to do it. Processing a class change takes time and you won't be able to renew until the change has been completed. [Learn more](#).
 - Make sure your Professional Liability Insurance is up to date and that you have entered the current information on your Registrant profile.
 - If you have changed your name, complete the [Name Change Form](#) ahead of time to avoid processing delays.
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CPR Renewal Reminder

It is a professional responsibility of each Registrant holding a General Class certificate of registration to carry valid CPR certification, which meets the following three requirements:

1. CPR certification is renewed every 24 months, regardless of the CPR certificate expiration date.
2. CPR training is completed through an in-person course; on-line courses are not accepted.
3. CPR is Healthcare Provider (“HCP”) level, or equivalent.

Note: The grace period that was granted to Registrants whose CPR expired in March or April of this year, as a result of in-person CPR courses being cancelled due to COVID-19 related business closures, ended on September 30, 2020.

In-person CPR courses are presently available through a number of different course providers, including, Heart2Heart, LifeSaver, ActionFirstAid and the Canadian Red Cross. Registrants are encouraged to register to renew their CPR certification well in advance of the expiry date, as CPR courses are booking up faster due to COVID-19 restrictions and protocol which limit available class sizes.

Monthly audits of CPR information are conducted by the College to identify those Registrants whose CPR certification is due to expire. A 30-day reminder notice will be sent to you. However, it is your responsibility to keep track of your CPR expiry date and to ensure your CPR is renewed on time. Not renewing your CPR training, which includes updating the information on file with the College, can result in a suspension of your certificate of registration and the incurring of additional fees.

If you have questions or concerns about renewing your CPR certificate, please contact Registration staff at Registration@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

By-law Consultation

In July 2020, the Council of the College completed a [Governance Review](#) by approving a final report entitled *Governance Report: A Mandate for Change*. The Council also accepted the *Governance Report Implementation Plan* presented by the CEO of the College.

Both the Report and the Implementation Plan laid out the Council's desire to seek meaningful changes to implement those aspects of the Report that could be implemented without legislative change. This consultation document sets out those changes, both in general terms, as well as within the specific sections of the by-laws.

This consultation is being undertaken by the CEO of the College in advance of presenting final proposed changes to the Council at its January 2021 meeting. At that time, the final changes will be presented and the Council will be provided with information learned through the consultation process.

Visit the [consultation page](#) to find out the proposed changes and how to participate in the consultation.

Read the infographic and Annual Report

Our [2019/20 Annual Report](#) is now available, as well as a [one-page infographic](#) of highlights. Take the [reader survey](#) after you've read the report.

FAQ



Stay up to date! Find the answers to your **COVID-19-related questions** [here](#).

I have a patient who has asked if I can write a letter exempting them from wearing a mask due to health reasons. Am I allowed to provide a letter in this case?

The short answer is that it is dependent on whether the Registrant can diagnose the condition that warrants the patient from being exempt. There are few reasons that a person can be exempt according to [Public Health Ontario](#). A couple of examples are COPD and the inability to put on or take off a mask on their own.

Based on the standards of practice of the profession, the following would have to have been met in order for a naturopathic doctor to be able to write a letter or complete a form regarding a patient's health status:

- The condition to which the letter or form relates is within the scope of practice of the profession.
- Even if the condition is within the scope of practice as a naturopathic doctor, you must have the knowledge, skill and judgement to diagnose or treat the condition.
- Although the question assumes it, you must have an existing naturopath–patient relationship.
- You made the naturopathic diagnosis having completed an appropriate naturopathic assessment.
- The patient consents to the release of any detailed health information that you will need to include on the form or in the letter.

Although it may not be necessary, it might be advisable in order to save your own time and the patient's money to make sure that a letter or form signed by a naturopath will be accepted by the person or agency that is to receive it.

Deadlines & Reminders



- By-law consultation deadline: December 10, 2020
- Nominations Close—Districts 2, 4, & 6: December 10, 2020
- **Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam**—Feb 11: Registration Nov 26–Dec 17
- **Ontario Clinical Practical Exam**—Feb 21: Registration Dec 15–Jan 7

Practice Resources



Latest blog posts

- [*Professional vs. Personal Opinions—Being cautious in these troubled times*](#)
- [*Providing immune support to patients during COVID-19*](#)

Guideline Spotlight

- [NEW Telepractice Guideline](#)
- [NEW Standard of Practice for Infection Control](#)



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