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	Title Opening and Closing the Emergency Class	Policy No. R10.00
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Intent/Purpose	To establish a policy which sets out the circumstances under which the Registration Committee would ask the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College) to allow the College to issue certificates of registration in the emergency class.	
Definitions	Act	Means the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*.
	By-laws	Means the by-laws of the College approved by the Council under the authority of section 94 of the Code.
	Certificate of Registration	Means a document issued by the College, in the General class, emergency class or Inactive class, which demonstrates to the public that the holder is a registrant of the College, registered in the class set out on the certificate and identifies whether there are any terms, conditions or limitations (TCLs) placed on the certifi
	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Means th College p who perfo Registrar regulatior
	College	Means th establishe RHPA.
	Code	Means the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the RHPA.
	Council	Means the Council of the College as established pursuant to section 6 of the Act.
	Emergency Class	Means a registrant authorized to practise in Ontario, who has met the registration requirements as set in section 5.1 of the Registration Regulation.
	Minister	Means the Minister of Health (Ontario).
	RHPA	Means the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.
	Registration Committee	Means the statutory committee of the College responsible for all registration matters referred to it by the CEO. Panels of this statutory committee are responsible for all registration matters as set out in the Code.
	Registration Regulation	Means Ontario Regulation 84/14.

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General	Legislative Authority	Paragraph 1 of subsection 5.1 of the Registration Regulation establishes that the Minister can request that the College initiate the issuance of certificates of registration in the emergency class based on their opinion that there are emergency circumstances that warrant doing so. This emergency class provision also delegates the same authority to Council, whereby it "must have determined, after taking into account all of the relevant circumstances that impact the ability of applicants to meet the ordinary registration requirements, that there are emergency circumstances, and that it is in the public interest that the College issue emergency certificates." In drafting these provisions, the Council's intention was that in order for it to open registration into the emergency Class, it would first receive a request from the Registration Committee.
Emergency Circumstances	Opening the Emergency Class	In order for the Registration Committee to ask the Council to open registration in the emergency class, it must be satisfied that such action is in the public interest and that one or more of the following conditions have been met with respect to emergency circumstances: • There is a current or imminent threat to provide supply of qualified naturopaths to adequately service the needs of the public. • There is a significant interruption to the College's ability, or the ability of a College recognized exam provider, to administer entry to practise examinations, which warrants immediate regulatory intervention. • The College has considered and ruled out all known potential solutions and issuing certificates under the emergency class is the best solution based on the circumstances.
	Continuous Assessment	Once registration in the emergency class has been opened, College staff will monitor the situation and provide regular updates to the Registration Committee and the Council. An assessment of the emergency circumstances will be made at each Council meetings while the emergency class is open.
	Closing the Emergency Class	If the Council determines that the circumstances that led to the opening of the emergency class of registration are no longer in effect, the Council will pass a motion directing the CEO to cease issuing

emergency class certificates of registration.

In compliance with section 10.2(3) of the Registration Regulation, all emergency class certificates will expire six months after the date of this motion. Once closed, new applications for an emergency class certificate will not be processed and College staff will manage the transition of existing emergency class certificate holders in accordance with 10.1 of the Registration Regulation.