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**Definitions**

- 1 In this Regulation,
  - (a) “Act” means the *Health Professions Act*;
  - (b) “College” means the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta;
  - (c), (d) repealed AR 37/2023 s2;
  - (e) “Council” means the council of the College;

- (f) “courtesy register” means the courtesy register category of the regulated members register;
- (g) “general register” means the general register category of the regulated members register;
- (h) repealed AR 37/2023 s2;
- (i) “provisional register” means the provisional register category of the regulated members register;
- (j) “Registrar” means the registrar of the College;
- (k) “Registration Committee” means the registration committee of the College.
- (l) repealed AR 37/2023 s2.

#### **Register categories**

**2** The regulated members register established by the Council under section 33(1)(a) of the Act has the following categories:

- (a) general register;
- (b) provisional register;
- (c) courtesy register.

### **Registration**

#### **General register**

**3(1)** An applicant for registration as a regulated member may be registered on the general register if the applicant

- (a) has successfully completed a 4-year program of studies in naturopathic medicine approved by the Council,
- (b) has successfully passed the registration examination approved by the Council and the jurisprudence examination approved by the Council, and
- (c) meets one of the following:
  - (i) within the 2 years immediately preceding the date the Registrar receives the complete application, has met the requirements set out in clauses (a) and (b);
  - (ii) within the 3 years immediately preceding the date the Registrar receives the complete application, has provided 1200 hours of professional services while

the applicant was a registered member in good standing of a college or association of naturopathic medicine and carried on an active practice in a jurisdiction recognized by the College;

- (iii) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Registrar that the applicant is currently competent to practise as a naturopathic practitioner.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c)(iii), the Registrar may require an applicant to undergo any examinations, testing, assessment, training or education the Registrar considers necessary, including a requirement that the applicant successfully pass the registration examination referred to in subsection (1)(b).

#### **Provisional register**

**4(1)** An applicant for registration as a regulated member may be registered on the provisional register if the applicant

- (a) meets the registration requirements of section 3 except for the successful completion of the examinations referred to in section 3(1)(b), or
- (b) is qualified to practise as a naturopathic practitioner in another jurisdiction recognized by the Council but the applicant's competencies are being assessed under section 7(2).

(2) A registration on the provisional register expires after one year.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the Registrar may extend a registration on the provisional register for up to one additional year after the registration has expired under subsection (2) if the Registrar is of the opinion that extenuating circumstances exist.

(4) If a regulated member registered on the provisional register successfully passes the registration examination and the jurisprudence examination, the Registrar must remove the member's name from the provisional register and enter it on the general register.

(5) A regulated member registered on the provisional register may practise only

- (a) while under the supervision of a regulated member registered on the general register or under the supervision of another regulated health professional approved by the Registrar, and

- (b) in accordance with any conditions specified by the Registrar under section 40.1 of the Act.

AR 126/2012 s4;37/2023

### **Courtesy register**

**5(1)** A naturopathic practitioner registered in good standing in another jurisdiction recognized by the Council who applies for registration in Alberta on a temporary basis for a specified purpose approved by the Registrar may be registered on the courtesy register if the applicant satisfies the Registrar of having competence to provide the services related to the specified purpose.

**(2)** The registration of a person registered on the courtesy register is valid for the term specified by the Registrar but may not exceed one month unless, in the opinion of the Registration Committee, there are extenuating circumstances.

**(3)** It is a condition of registration on the courtesy register that the person must remain registered in good standing in the jurisdiction in which the person was registered at the time of the person's application for registration on the courtesy register and, if the registration in the other jurisdiction is suspended or cancelled, the courtesy registration is cancelled.

### **Equivalent jurisdiction**

**6** An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register who is registered in good standing in another jurisdiction recognized by the Council under section 28(2)(b) of the Act as having registration requirements substantially equivalent to the registration requirements set out in section 3 may be registered on the general register.

### **Substantial equivalence**

**7(1)** An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register who does not meet the requirements of section 3 but whose qualifications have been determined by the Registrar or Registration Committee under section 28(2)(c) of the Act to be substantially equivalent to the registration requirements set out in section 3 may be registered on the general register.

**(2)** In determining whether an applicant's qualifications are substantially equivalent under subsection (1), the Registrar or Registration Committee may require the applicant to undergo any examination, testing and assessment activities that the Registrar or Registration Committee considers necessary.

**(3)** For the determination under subsection (2), the Registrar or Registration Committee may use the services of experts and other

resources to assist with the examination, testing and assessment activities.

**(4)** The Registrar or Registration Committee may direct the applicant to undergo any education or training activities the Registrar or Registration Committee considers necessary in order for the applicant to be registered.

**(5)** The Registrar or Registration Committee may require an applicant to pay all the costs incurred under subsections (2), (3) and (4).

**(6)** The Registrar or Registration Committee may require an applicant under subsection (1) to provide any other relevant information or evidence that the Registrar or Registration Committee considers necessary in order to assess an application under this section.

#### **Examination attempts**

**8(1)** Subject to subsection (2), an applicant for registration as a regulated member may attempt the registration examination and the jurisprudence examination only 3 times each.

**(2)** An applicant who fails the registration examination or the jurisprudence examination 3 times may apply to the Registrar for permission for one final attempt.

**(3)** The Registrar may require an applicant to successfully complete coursework and pass examinations before granting permission for one final attempt under subsection (2).

**9 to 12** Repealed AR 37/2023 s4.

#### **Titles and Abbreviations**

##### **Authorization to use titles, etc.**

**13(1)** A regulated member registered on the general register or courtesy register may use

- (a) the titles “naturopathic doctor”, “naturopathic practitioner”, “naturopath” and “doctor of naturopathic medicine”,
- (b) the initials “N.D.” and “R.N.D.”, and
- (c) the title “Doctor” and the abbreviation “Dr.” in connection with providing a health service within the practice of naturopathic medicine.

(2) A regulated member registered on the provisional register may use the title “naturopath”.

**14 to 17** Repealed AR 37/2023 s5.

**18 to 25** Repealed AR 37/2023 s6.

### **Practice Permit Renewal Requirements**

#### **Renewal requirements**

**26(1)** In addition to meeting the requirements established under section 40 of the Act, a regulated member applying for renewal of the member’s practice permit must provide evidence that the regulated member holds current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification at the level required by the Council.

(2) A regulated member applying for renewal of the member’s practice permit must provide one or more of the following, as requested by the Registrar or Registration Committee:

- (a) a photo ID of the member in the form required by the Registrar or Registration Committee;
- (b) evidence of being a Canadian citizen or lawfully permitted to work in Canada;
- (c) evidence of English language proficiency.

AR 126/2012 s26;37/2023

**27** Repealed AR 37/2023 s9.

**28 to 31** Repealed AR 37/2023 s10.

**32 to 36** Repealed AR 37/2023 s11.

**37 and 38** Repealed AR 37/2023 s12.

### **Transitional and Coming into Force**

#### **Transitional**

**39** On the coming into force of this Regulation, a person described in section 5 of Schedule 14 to the Act is deemed to be entered on the regulated members register in the register category that the Registrar considers appropriate.

#### **Coming into force**

**40** This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of Schedule 14 to the *Health Professions Act*.











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