

# COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO



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## POLICY

Emergency or health crises such as natural disasters, pandemics or SARS-like situations, may require the CRTO to implement emergency registration provisions. These include registering out-of-Province applicants in the event Canadian Respiratory Therapists from other jurisdictions are willing to assist with emergency or health crises in Ontario.

Currently, Canadian out-of-Province Respiratory Therapists may be registered under the **Labour Mobility Policies** providing they meet the following requirements. The applicant:

- holds an out-of-province certificate as defined in section 22.15<sup>1</sup> of the Health Professions Procedural Code that is equivalent to a class of a certificate of registration issued by the College; and
- has practiced the profession there within the past two years.

OR:

- is a registered member of the CSRT practising in an unregulated jurisdiction in Canada<sup>1</sup>;
- is permitted by the CSRT to use the title “Registered Respiratory Therapist”;
- is in compliance with a program of continuing education established by the CSRT that meets the accepted requirements set by all of the signatories;
- has practised the profession within that unregulated jurisdiction for a minimum of 750 hours within the previous two years while holding a current registered membership with the CSRT;
- provides a letter of reference from their last or current employer(s) in a form prescribed by the signatories; and
- provides a letter from the CSRT confirming that the applicant has been a registered member in good standing for the past two years.

In addition, the CRTO Executive Committee authorizes the Registrar in such circumstances to register an out-of-Province applicant for 60 days, and waive the application and registration fees for this period of registration, for the purpose of assisting with an emergency situation.

The definition of “emergency situation” shall be at the discretion of the Registrar.

Should the out-of-Province Member remain in Ontario after the 60 day period, then the Registrar will review the circumstances and, if the emergency situation has resolved, may require the Member to pay the full fees and meet any other membership requirements (such as QA) at that time.

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<sup>1</sup>The agreement does not apply to CSRT members who hold an associate, honorary or student membership.

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**i Health Professions Procedural Code**

**22.15 (1) In this section and in sections 22.16 to 22.23,**

(...) “out-of-province certificate” means a certificate, licence, registration, or other form of official recognition that,

- (a) attests to an individual being qualified to practise the profession and authorizes the individual to practise the profession, use a title or designation relating to the profession, or both, and
- (b) is granted to the individual by a body or individual that is authorized under an Act of Canada or of a province or territory of Canada that is a party to the Agreement on Internal Trade, other than Ontario, to grant such certificate, licence, registration, or other form of official recognition. (“certificate extraprovincial”) 2009, c. 24, s. 33 (5).