



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 Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) ¹ providing they meet the following requirements. The applicant must:

- be a holder of a general/full certificate/license that is not subject to any individual terms, conditions or limitations issued by a Canadian regulatory body outside of Ontario, or
- be a full member of a professional association recognized by the Registration Committee (currently the CSRT) whose membership is not subject to any individual terms, conditions and limitations, and is practising in a Canadian unregulated jurisdiction, and
- have safely practiced the profession within that jurisdiction for a minimum of 720 hours within the previous four years, and
- be fluent in written and spoken English or French

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.

¹ Or in accordance with the amended Agreement on Internal Trade when it comes into force.