

COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

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Policy

The CRTO is responsible for setting Respiratory Therapy entry-to-practice requirements in the province of Ontario in the public interest. Ontario Regulation 596/94, Part VIII (Registration) sets out the requirements for registration with the College including the requirement that:

54(5) An applicant (*for a General Certificate of Registration*) must have met the requirements of subsection 54(2)¹ within the two years immediately preceding the application for registration unless the applicant was practising respiratory therapy within that two-year period.

55(3) An applicant (*for a Graduate certificate of Registration*) must have met the requirements of subsection 54(2) within the two years immediately preceding the application for registration unless the applicant was practising respiratory therapy in a jurisdiction outside Ontario within that two-year period.

Applicants for registration who do not meet the currency requirement under section 54(4) or 55(3) of the Registration Regulation will be referred by the Registrar to a Panel of the Registration Committee for consideration.

This policy sets out the criteria that may be used by the Registration Committee to determine whether or not it is in the public interest to approve an application for registration when the

¹ Subsection 54(2) of the Registration Regulation refers to the educational requirement(s), i.e.

Subject to subsection (7), an applicant must,

- (a) have successfully completed a respiratory therapy program offered in Canada that, at the time of completion, was approved or accredited by the Council or by a body approved by the Council;
- (b) have successfully completed a program offered outside Canada for training respiratory therapists that, at the time of completion, was considered by the Council to be equivalent to a program referred to in clause (a); or
- (c) demonstrate through a prior learning assessment approved by the Registration Committee that he or she has knowledge, skills and judgment equivalent to those of a person who has successfully completed a program referred to in clause (a).

Registration Regulation, and if so, whether a term, condition or limitation should be imposed on the certificate of registration.

A Panel of the Registration Committee will consider whether or not it is in the public interest to approve the application, or if the certificate of registration should be issued with terms, conditions or limitations. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, based on previous practices, the following will generally be considered the minimum requirements and restrictions for the issuing of a certificate of registration to an applicant who does not meet the currency requirements of 54(4) or 55(3) of the Registration Regulation.

Type of certificate of registration	General		Graduate
Years since practice/graduation	2-5	6 +	2+
Requirements			
The applicant may be asked to provide evidence of refresher/ retraining to demonstrate readiness to practice Respiratory Therapy prior to being granted a certificate of registration.	ü	ü	ü
Upon issuance of a certificate of registration, the Registrar will refer the Member to a Panel of the QA Committee with a recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for an assessment of his/her knowledge, skills and judgement (utilizing the PSA) within 3 months of registration, and to submit his/her records of continuous quality improvement activities (utilizing the Professional Portfolio) within 6 months of registration. 	ü	ü	ü
Specific terms, conditions and limitations			
1. The Member must advise current and future employer(s) of the terms, conditions and limitations on the certificate of registration.	ü	ü	ü
2. The Member may only perform a controlled act, authorized to Respiratory Therapy, if performed under the general supervision of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act and available within 10 minutes.	ü		
3. The Member may not perform any controlled acts authorized to Respiratory Therapy except under direct supervision of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act, for the purpose of gaining competence in the performance of the procedure.		ü	ü
4. The Member may not perform added or advanced prescribed procedures below the dermis.		ü	ü
5. The Member may not delegate any controlled acts to other individuals.	ü	ü	ü

<p>6. The Member must successfully complete the examinations approved by the Council of the College within 18 months from the date of issue of the Graduate certificate of registration or the certificate of registration will be automatically revoked 18 months from that date.</p>			<p>ü</p>
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The Panel will consider revisions to the specific terms, conditions, and limitations imposed on the certificate of registration upon the provision of sufficient evidence of competence in the performance of a controlled act, or if the restrictions pose a barrier to the Member's practice and the Member presents an acceptable alternative plan that incorporates a public protection element. In such a case the Panel would require explicit information outlining the training provided as well as verification of the applicant's competence.