

COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO



Title: **Reinstatement of Former Members Found Guilty of Sexual Abuse**

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POLICY

1. The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) has a policy of zero tolerance for sexual abuse of patients/clients.
2. The *Health Professions Procedural Code* provides for former members found guilty of sexual abuse to apply in writing to have a new certificate of registration issued. [Section 72(1)].
3. The *Health Professions Procedural Code* specifies that applications for reinstatement in relation to a revocation for sexual abuse of a patient, shall not be made less than five years from the date of the revocation. Applications submitted after an application for reinstatement is denied must be at least six months after the previous application for reinstatement. [Section 72(3)].
4. The College recognizes that some persons whose certificates were revoked for sexual abuse may be rehabilitated and therefore an opportunity should be made available to consider individual former members for re-entry into the profession.
5. This policy and procedure provides guidance to Council and non-Council members, members, non-members and staff as the panel hearing the application for reinstatement is independent of Council.