

COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO



DRAFT General Certificate of Registration - Currency Condition

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1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (Cрто) is responsible for setting registration requirements in the province of Ontario in the public interest.

To ensure Members maintain the competence necessary to provide safe, effective, and ethical care, Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRTs) must comply with the currency condition imposed on their certificates of registration by section 55.1 of the Registration Regulation (Ontario Regulation 596/94, Part VIII). Members who do not meet the currency condition are not permitted to provide direct patient care or supervise the practice of the profession, unless authorized by the Registration Committee to practise under supervision.

2.0 PURPOSE

This policy outlines the criteria and process used by the Cрто to determine whether Registered Respiratory Therapists meet the currency condition. The objective is to ensure that RRTs remain competent and able to provide safe, ethical care consistent with public expectations and professional standards.

3.0 APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This policy applies to Members registered in the General Class of Registration (RRTs).

4.0 CONSIDERATIONS

Currency Condition

It is a condition of a General Certificate of Registration that in order to be permitted to engage in providing direct patient care or supervise the practice of the profession, a Member, at the end of every three-year period following the issuance of their General Certificate, has provided evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that the Member has practised respiratory therapy for **at least 1,125 hours during the three-year period**.

Practice Hours

As outlined in the [Am I Practicing Fact Sheet](#), practice hours may include:

- clinical and non-clinical activities
- employment and volunteer activities.



Alternate Means of Satisfying the Currency Condition

A Member who does not have at least 1,125 hours during the relevant three-year period may satisfy the currency condition through one of the following alternatives:

- a. Successful completion of a refresher course approved by the Registrar within the relevant three-year period; or
- b. Submission of evidence satisfactory to the Registration Committee through some other means that the Member meets current standards of practice. This may include activities that demonstrate maintenance of competence and support the delivery of safe, ethical care (e.g., continuing professional development and quality improvement activities).

Supervised Practice

Where the Registration Committee determines that a Member does not meet the currency condition, it may permit the Member to provide direct patient care subject to a term, condition, or limitation on their certificate of registration requiring that the Member be supervised until they are able to provide evidence of having met the currency requirement. The Committee may direct that the Member practice under:

- **General supervision**, where the supervisor is available within 10 minutes notice when the supervised RRT is providing direct patient care; or
- **Direct supervision**, where the supervisor is expected to be always personally present when the supervised RRT is providing direct patient care.

In determining the appropriate level of supervision, the Registration Committee will consider:

1. Years since graduation from the Member's Respiratory Therapy program
2. Time and duration of last practice
3. Nature and intensity of last practice
4. Extent and relevance of efforts to maintain competence while not practising.

The supervision condition will remain on the Member's certificate of registration until they are able to provide evidence satisfactory to the Registration Committee that they could meet the current standards of practice in Ontario.

5.0 MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

RRTs must annually declare whether they meet the currency condition as part of the registration renewal process.

RRTs who do not meet the currency condition may not provide direct patient care or supervise the profession unless practising under supervision (as approved by the Registration Committee).

Failure to comply with a term, condition, or limitation on a certificate of registration constitutes professional misconduct and may lead to disciplinary action.



6.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Currency Guide](#)
- [Guide for Terms, Conditions, and Limitations imposed by the Registration Committee](#)
- [Application to Change Terms, Conditions and Limitations](#)

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