

# 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 CRTO including the requirement that:

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

58 (3) An applicant (for a Graduate Certificate) must have met the requirements of subsection 55 (2)<sup>1</sup> 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 55(5) or 58 (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 applicant does not satisfy the registration requirement under section 55 (5) or 58 (3) of the *Registration Regulation*, and if so, whether a term, condition or limitation should be imposed on the certificate of registration.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration a number of factors, for example:

1. time since last practice,
2. nature and intensity of last practice,
3. quality and quantity of efforts to maintain currency while not practising,
4. the applicant's re-entry plan.

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 55 (5) or 58 (3) of the *Registration Regulation*.

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<sup>1</sup> 2) 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; or
- (b) have,
  - (i) successfully completed a program offered outside Canada either in respiratory therapy or in a closely related field that is acceptable to the Registration Committee, along with any additional education that is required by the Registration Committee, and
  - (ii) demonstrated through an assessment process acceptable to 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).

General Certificate of Registration	Years since practice		
	2 - 5	5 - 10	10+
<b>Requirements:</b>			
The applicant may be asked to provide evidence of refresher/retraining to demonstrate readiness to practise Respiratory Therapy prior to being granted a certificate of registration.	✓	✓	✓*
<b>Conditions to be imposed on the certificate of registration</b> (issued for a limited period of time)			
1. The member shall, at the first reasonable opportunity, advise every employer of any terms, conditions and limitations that apply to the Member's certificate of registration if their employment is in the field of respiratory therapy.	✓	✓	✓
2. The member shall only perform a controlled act that is authorized to the profession if it is performed under the <b>general supervision</b> of a Member of a College within the meaning of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> who, is authorized to perform the controlled act and is competent to do so and who is available to be personally present at the site where the authorized act is performed on ten (10) minutes notice.	✓		
3. The member shall only perform a controlled act authorized to Respiratory Therapy, for the purpose of gaining competence in that procedure if performed under the <b>direct supervision</b> of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act.		✓	✓
4. The member shall not perform advanced prescribed procedures below the dermis.	✓	✓	✓
5. The member shall only perform a tracheostomy tube change for a stoma that is more than 24 hours old, for the purpose of gaining competence in that procedure if performed under the direct supervision of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act.		✓	✓
6. The member shall only perform a tracheostomy tube change for a stoma that is less than 24 hours old, for the purpose of gaining competence in that procedure if performed under the direct supervision of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act.	✓	✓	✓
7. The member shall not delegate a controlled act.	✓	✓	✓
8. The member shall not accept delegation for any controlled act.	✓	✓	✓
9. The member is required to cooperate with a Quality Assurance Committee peer and practice assessment of his/her knowledge, skills and judgment (using the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment), within three (3) months of receiving his/her certificate of registration, and must comply with any remediation ordered as a result of that assessment.	✓	✓	✓
10. The member is required to submit to the Quality Assurance Committee his/her records of continuous quality improvement activities (utilizing the PORTfolio <sup>OM</sup> ) by their assigned Review Year deadline.	✓	✓	✓

\* Applicants for **General Certificate of Registration** who have not practised as Respiratory Therapists in **the ten years** preceding their application will be asked to provide evidence of refresher/retraining to demonstrate readiness to practise Respiratory Therapy prior to being granted a certificate of registration.

Graduate Certificate of Registration	Years since practice	
Requirements	2 - 5	5+
The applicant may be asked to provide evidence of refresher/ retraining to demonstrate readiness to practise Respiratory Therapy prior to being granted a certificate of registration.	✓	✓*
<b>Conditions to be imposed on the certificate of registration</b> (issued for a limited period of time)		
1. The member shall, at the first reasonable opportunity, advise every employer of any terms, conditions and limitations that apply to the Member’s certificate of registration if their employment is in the field of respiratory therapy.	✓	✓
2. The member shall only perform a controlled act, authorized to Respiratory Therapy, for the purpose of gaining competence in that procedure if performed under the <b>direct supervision</b> of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act.	✓	✓
3. The member shall not perform advanced prescribed procedures below the dermis.	✓	✓
4. The member shall not perform authorized act #5 “administering a prescribed substance by inhalation”.	✓	✓
5. The member shall only perform a tracheostomy tube change for a stoma that is more than 24 hours old, for the purpose of gaining competence in that procedure and under the direct supervision of a regulated health professional who is authorized to perform the controlled act.	✓	✓
6. The member shall not perform a tracheostomy tube change for a stoma that is less than 24 hours old.	✓	✓
7. The member shall not delegate a controlled act.	✓	✓
8. The member shall not accept delegation for any controlled act.	✓	✓
9. The member is required to cooperate with a Quality Assurance Committee peer and practice assessment of his/her knowledge, skills and judgment (using the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment), within three (3) months of receiving his/her certificate of registration, and must comply with any remediation ordered as a result of that assessment.	✓	✓
10. The member is required to submit to the Quality Assurance Committee his/her records of continuous quality improvement activities (utilizing the PORTfolio <sup>OM</sup> ) by their assigned Review Year deadline.	✓	✓
A graduate certificate is deemed to have been revoked 18 months after its (initial) date of issue.	✓	✓
* Applicants for <b>Graduate Certificate of Registration</b> who have not practised as Respiratory Therapists in <b>the five years</b> preceding their application will be asked to provide evidence of refresher/retraining to demonstrate readiness to practise Respiratory Therapy prior to being granted a certificate of registration.		