

Registration

Emergency Situations—Special Assignment Class

Introduction

During an emergency,¹ the College of Nurses of Ontario (the College) can expedite the registration of qualified nurses from other jurisdictions by temporarily registering them in the Special Assignment Class. The College believes that the prompt registration of health care professionals from other jurisdictions is an essential component of emergency health care planning and a benefit to the public.

Registration in the Special Assignment Class for the purpose of responding to an emergency lasts for a maximum of **60 days**. There is no processing or registration fee. Only nurses who haven't previously been registered with the College, except as a holder of a Special Assignment Certificate, can register in the Special Assignment Class for emergency situations.

The College's Executive Director will declare whether a situation is rendered an emergency.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for registration in the Special Assignment Class for emergencies, the applicant must:

- confirm that she/he is applying to practise in Ontario for the sole purpose of providing assistance during an emergency situation;
- confirm that she/he has been offered a position as a nurse with a specified Ontario facility² or a position approved by the Registration Committee;
- provide information on all requirements applicable to the Special Assignment Class;
- authorize her/his current employer and/or previous employers to provide information on current practice;

- authorize the nursing regulatory body with which she/he currently holds registration/licensure to provide confirmation of the applicant's registration/licensure; and
- provide a copy of her/his current Certificate of Registration/Licence from her/his jurisdiction and proof of identity.

The College has developed an agreement that the applicant needs to complete and submit. The agreement allows the College to rapidly access vital practice and registration information directly from the applicant's current regulatory body, employer and/or former employers, so it can process the application quickly.

Visit the College's website at www.cno.org for more information on registration.

For more information

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¹ An emergency is defined as a situation or impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise (*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9*).

² As described in Schedule 1 of the *Nursing Act, 1991*.