

## Registration

# Retired Class

### Introduction

Retired Class registration is for nurses aged 65 or older who have permanently retired from practice and want to use the title Registered Nurse (Retired) or Registered Practical Nurse (Retired). Under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* (RHPA), these titles are restricted to members of the College of Nurses of Ontario (the College). Nurses who do not renew their annual membership with the College cannot use the titles of RN or RPN.

A major difference between the Retired Class and other classes of registration is that Retired Class members are not permitted to practise nursing on an employed or volunteer basis. As such, they are not required to participate in the College's Quality Assurance (QA) Program.

### Retired Class members:

- must be aged 65 or older;
- may use the designation Registered Nurse (Retired) or Registered Practical Nurse (Retired);
- are not required to participate in the QA Program;
- pay a reduced membership fee;
- receive the College's quarterly magazine, *The Standard*;
- cannot practise the profession of nursing or hold themselves out as qualified to practise nursing in Ontario (for example, cannot practise nursing in an employed or volunteer capacity). In an emergency situation, such as a motor vehicle accident, Retired Class nurses may identify themselves and offer assistance. Under the RHPA, everyone is exempt from the controlled acts restriction when rendering first aid or temporary assistance in an emergency;
- must be a member, or have previously been a member in good standing, of the College's General or Extended Class at the time of entry into the Retired Class. (To remain in good standing, members who retire before 65 must formally notify the College of their resignation from the College and not simply let their registration lapse); and

- are not eligible to run for College Council or statutory committees, or to vote in College elections.

It is not mandatory for nurses to join the Retired Class at the age of 65. Members can continue their General or Extended Class registration or resign from the College. Members of the Retired Class who wish to return to practice are required to re-apply for reinstatement in the General Class.

### For more information

To learn more, contact the College of Nurses of Ontario at:

E-mail: [cno@cnomail.org](mailto:cno@cnomail.org)

Tel.: 416 928-0900

Toll-free in Ontario: 1 800 387-5526

Fax: 416 928-6507

Website: [www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)