

Registration Reinstatement (General Class)



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Introduction

Reinstatement is a process by which former College members or current Retired Class members can return to nursing practice by applying for the reinstatement of their previously held General Class certificate of registration. As of February 2006, individuals applying for reinstatement must meet evidence of safe practice requirements.

Evidence of safe practice requirements

In addition to paying the required fees, former or Retired Class members must meet the evidence of safe practice requirement for registration by providing evidence that, within the last five years, they have graduated from an approved nursing program or practised nursing for at least 1,125 hours. Alternatively, they may meet the requirement by having completed additional nursing education (i.e., continuing education) that is acceptable to the College's Registration Committee.

Eligible for reinstatement

A former member who has resigned or was suspended for failing to pay a required fee, or a member of the Retired Class, is eligible to apply for reinstatement of a previously held General Class certificate of registration. They are required to meet the evidence of safe practice requirement, and can begin the application process by contacting the College's Customer Service Centre.

Ineligible for reinstatement

Former RNs or RPNs who resigned or were suspended for failure to pay a required fee are ineligible for the reinstatement process if they:

- were, or are, the subject of an outstanding proceeding related to professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity in Ontario or another

jurisdiction in relation to nursing or another health profession;

- were, or are, the subject of an outstanding College-related inquiry or investigation;
- were, at the time they stopped being a member, the subject of an outstanding College order or in breach of an order, agreement, undertaking or Complaints Committee decision; or
- had terms, conditions or limitations on their certificate of registration, other than those applicable to all members of the particular class.

Individuals, who are ineligible for reinstatement and once held a General Class certificate or received a certificate under the *Health Disciplines Act*, may alternatively apply for registration in the same membership class and be treated similarly to initial applicants. Such applicants, however, do not have to meet the 2005 program requirements for nurses, but must meet all other relevant entry-to-practice requirements, which include the following:

- evidence of safe practice;
- proof of Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status, or authorization under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada) to engage in the practice of nursing; and
- evidence of good character and suitability to practice.

Such applicants should contact the College's Customer Service Centre.

Revoked or suspended registrations

If their certificate of registration was revoked or suspended by an order of the College's Discipline, Fitness to Practice or Registration committees, former members must apply, in writing, to the Executive Director to have the suspension removed or a new certificate issued. The matter is then

referred to the appropriate committee for review, after which the applicant will be notified of what will be required for reinstatement to occur.

For More Information

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