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# The Island Capsule

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## Health Canada Releases Guidance Documents on Controlled Drug Destruction

Health Canada has released two documents that will provide guidance to pharmacist in community and hospital when dealing with destruction of both post-consumer returns and unserviceable stock.

[Guidance Document for Pharmacists and Dealers Licensed to Destroy Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances: Handling and Destruction of Post-consumer Returns Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

[Guidance Document for Pharmacists, Practitioners and Persons in Charge of Hospitals: Handling and Destruction of Unserviceable Stock Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

Changes to the destruction of post consumer returns include the following:

- Effective April 1, 2018, Health Canada no longer requires record keeping relating to post-consumer returns. Consequently, there is no requirement to separate post-consumer returned controlled substances from other post-consumer returned prescription or non-prescription medications.
- It is recommended that post-consumer returns are stored in single-use, one-way entry collection containers that are opaque, inconspicuous, tamper-evident and have a unique identifier.

Any questions of interpretation concerning these guidance documents should be directed to the Compliance and Monitoring Division within the Controlled Substances Directorate (CSD) at [hc.compliance-conformite.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.compliance-conformite.sc@canada.ca).

# Requirements for Methadone Prescribers Changing

Health Canada is lifting its requirement for prescribers to apply for an exemption from federal drug legislation (under section 56 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*). [Federal regulatory amendments](#) will take effect May 19, 2018. As a result, members will no longer be required to verify if a prescriber holds an exemption from Health Canada to prescribe methadone. In addition, the PEI College of Pharmacists will no longer post a list of methadone prescribers on the PEI College of Pharmacists website.

## Important Dates

### PEI Jurisprudence Exam

The PEI College of Pharmacists has posted the jurisprudence exam sittings for 2018. They are as follows:

June 18, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

October 22, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

December 10, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

Additional dates may be added to accommodate pharmacy assistants completing the transition pathway in time for the December 2018 registration deadline.

### PEBC

The deadline for application for the Summer PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Exam for pharmacy technicians is June 8, 2018.

## Victoria Day

The Office of the PEI College of Pharmacists will be closed Monday May 21, 2018 for Victoria Day. The office will reopen on May 22, 2018 at 8:30 am.

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