



## RP19. Waiver of Registration Requirements-Applicants from Eligible Jurisdictions

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**Resources:** [Regulated Health Professions Act](#)  
[Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations](#)

*PEI College of Pharmacy policies, together with legislation, practice directives, standards and guidelines outline the practice expectations of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the province. Policies use “must” to indicate an action that is mandatory for a pharmacy professional. Policies use “may” to indicate that the registrant may use professional discretion.*

### Introduction

The *Regulated Health Professions Act and the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations*, contain provisions whereby the Council of a College, the registrar, or other body as described in this policy can determine equivalency to the Canadian standard for following registration requirements:

- a) an educational program
- b) practice hours for the purposes of currency of professional knowledge and skills from jurisdictions outside of Canada
- c) Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Examinations
- d) Structure practical training programs

Health workforce shortages have impacted patients’ ability to access care, including care received by pharmacy professionals. The College, as the regulator for the practice of pharmacy in PEI, needs to consider different approaches to registration to increase the supply of pharmacy professionals, while continuing to ensure that there are no risks to the public.

This policy waives initial registration and licensing requirements beyond that required of an applicant from another Canadian jurisdiction for those from specified jurisdictions. However, all other legislated provisions and requirements remain and continue to serve as important safeguards of the public interest.



## **Purpose**

To set out the registration requirements for applicants from identified jurisdictions that have substantially similar licensing criteria as those of the PEI College of Pharmacy.

## **Policy**

1. An applicant for registration in the general class of the pharmacist or pharmacy technician register, that is a licensee of a jurisdiction in Schedule A, is required to meet the following eligibility requirements for registration:

- 1.1 Confirmation that the applicant is entitled to work in Canada;

- 1.2 Confirmation that the applicant meets the English language proficiency requirements, in accordance with the PEI College of Pharmacy's Policy on English Language Proficiency Requirements for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians;

- 1.3 Confirmation of successful completion of an accredited degree program in pharmacy or accredited pharmacy technician training program:

- 1.3.1 In the case of a pharmacist applicant, an accredited degree program in pharmacy means a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Pharm D program, or a Masters in Pharmacy degree, approved by the Council or accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or a program that has been determined by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada to be substantially equivalent to an approved or accredited degree program.

- 1.3.2 In the case of a pharmacy technician, a pharmacy training program approved by the Council or accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or a program that has been determined by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada to be substantially equivalent to an approved or accredited pharmacy technician training program.



1.4 Successful completion of a qualifying examination:

- 1.4.1 In the case of a pharmacist applicant, successful completion of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Qualifying Examination or an examination considered substantially equivalent by Council.
- 1.4.2 In the case of a pharmacy technician applicant, successful completion of the PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination or an examination considered substantially equivalent by Council.

1.5 Demonstration of currency of professional knowledge and skills. This will be met where:

- 1.5.1 The applicant certifies to the Registrar that the applicant has practised a minimum of 600 hours in the preceding three (3) years in a jurisdiction in Schedule A to maintain the competence to practise; or
- 1.5.2 If unable to certify, the applicant graduated from their accredited degree program in pharmacy or accredited pharmacy technician training program in the preceding three (3) years that met the requirement for licensure in a jurisdiction listed in Schedule A.

1.6 Successful completion of a structured practical training program for pharmacists or pharmacy technicians, approved by Council;

1.7 Confirmation of professional liability insurance, as required by the *Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations*.

1.8 Confirmation of licensing with no conditions or restrictions, including confirmation of the below criteria, is provided from the jurisdiction that the applicant is licensed in, and Council of the PEI College of Pharmacy is satisfied that the applicant:



- 1.8.1 Has no outstanding complaints before, or ongoing restrictions or penalties imposed by, the jurisdiction that the applicant is licensed in for misconduct, incompetence, or incapacity, that in the opinion of Council, render the applicant unsuitable to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in this jurisdiction;
- 1.8.2 Has not been found guilty of an offence that, in Council's opinion, renders the applicant unsuitable to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in this jurisdiction;
- 1.8.3 Has not been disciplined by the jurisdiction that the applicant is licensed in for misconduct, incompetence, or incapacity, that in Council's opinion, renders the applicant unsuitable to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in this jurisdiction; or

1.9 The applicant has previously been licensed as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in a jurisdiction, confirmation is provided from that jurisdiction and Council of the PEI College of Pharmacy is satisfied that the applicant has met the criteria set out in Section 1.1.1 – 1.1.3, such that the applicant is eligible to resume their licence as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician without conditions or restrictions, with the only remaining requirement being payment of fees.

2. The following registration requirements for registration in the General Class will have been met when an applicant is a licensee of a jurisdiction in Schedule A:

2.1 In accordance with section 12(2)(c) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act and section 5(a) of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations*:

2.1.1 Successful completion of an accredited pharmacy degree program, in the case of a pharmacist applicant

2.2 In accordance with section 12(2)(c) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act and section 31(a) of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations*:





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- 3.1 At the end of the 14-day period of supervised practice, the condition of supervision will be removed from the registration and the registrant is permitted to practice unsupervised.



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Appendix A

<b>Pharmacist</b>	<b>Pharmacy Technician</b>
Great Britain	Great Britain
Ireland	
Australia	
New Zealand	
United States	