



RP. 07 Application Requirements – Extended Practice Authorization in Drug Administration

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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.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to further define requirements for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and students applying for, or reinstating, an extended practice authorization in drug administration.

2. Application

This policy is applicable to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the provisional, general or special class, pharmacy students and pharmacy technician students applying for, or reinstating, an extended practice authorization in drug administration.

3. Policy

All applicants for an Extended Practice Authorization (EPA) in Drug Administration must be registered with PEICP as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in the provisional, general or special class, a pharmacy student or a pharmacy technician student and meet all registration requirements. Applicants must obtain and maintain CPR and First Aid while holding an



Extended Practice Authorization in Drug Administration. Failure to maintain the required CPR and First Aid certification will result in suspension of the EPA.

- 3.1. Pharmacist and pharmacy student applicants without a prior authorization to administer drugs by injection in a Canadian jurisdiction must successfully complete a CCCEP competency mapped accredited program in immunization and injection **within the last year OR** have received their education and training on the administration of injections as part of the pharmacy program core curriculum.
- 3.2. Pharmacy technician and pharmacy technician student applicants without a prior authorization to inject in a Canadian jurisdiction must have successfully completed a CCCEP competency mapped accredited program in immunization and injection **within the last year**.
- 3.3. Applicants applying from another jurisdiction in Canada, with a valid authorization to perform injections in that jurisdiction, may show evidence of the authorization and declare that they have administered enough injections to maintain their competency to administer drugs by injection in the previous year preceding their application.
 - 3.3.1. Evidence may include confirmation of an authorization to perform injections noted on their letter of standing, or a certificate demonstrating their authority granted by the provincial regulatory authority of their jurisdiction.
- 3.4. Applicants with an Extended Practice Authorization in Drug Administration in PEI or an authorization in another Canadian jurisdiction that lapsed within the previous three years, are required to declare that they have completed sufficient injections to maintain their competency to provide injections.
- 3.5. Applicants who have not held an Extended Practice Authorization in Drug Administration in PEI or an authorization in another jurisdiction, during the previous three years, must complete a refresher version of an immunization and injection education program that:
 - 3.5.1. Has obtained CCCEP Competency Mapped Accreditation.
 - 3.5.2. Has been specifically approved by the Council; or



3.5.3. Is recognized by another Canadian provincial pharmacy regulatory authority (PRA) as meeting that PRA's education and training requirements for a refresher program.

3.6. Extended practice authorizations in drug administration will expire with the expiration or lapse in registration and EPA must be renewed annually. Upon renewal, a registrant must declare that they have completed enough injections to maintain competency to administer drugs by injection.

3.6.1. Applicants for renewal of an EPA in Drug Administration who are unable to make the declaration that they are competent to administer drugs by injection must complete a CCCEP competency mapped accredited immunization and injection refresher program.