



## Licence Requirement Reminder: NLMA Membership

### Notice to College Members

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As per Section 24 (3) of the *Medical Act, 2011*, Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) membership is a regulatory requirement to hold a Licence to Practise Medicine in this province. Physicians have **one month** from the time they are issued a licence by the College to join or renew their membership with the NLMA. This applies to new applicants as well as physicians who renew their licence each year.

The Act states: *“It is a condition of the issuing of a licence under this section that the person to whom the licence is issued shall within one month of the date of issuing become a member of the association, and the failure of that person to comply with this condition makes the licence void from that date.”*

When the College is notified by the NLMA that a licensed physician has not met this legislated membership requirement, we are required to inform the physician that their Licence to Practise Medicine has expired.

Once a licence has expired, a physician will no longer be able to practise medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador. Reinstatement cannot occur until the NLMA has notified the College that the physician’s membership is in good standing.

With this in mind, we encourage all physicians to ensure that their NLMA membership is up to date to avoid any unnecessary licence expiry, reinstatement fees, and interruption to patient care.

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