



## Friendly Reminder: Have You Renewed Your NLMA Membership?

### Notice to College Members

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Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) membership is a legislated requirement to hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in this province. As Section 24 (3) of the *Medical Act, 2011*, 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."*

Physicians have **one month (30 days)** from the time they are issued a Licence to Practice Medicine 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.

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

For example, since annual licences are renewed on January 16 each year, physicians who renew their licence with the College through the annual renewal application must join or renew their membership with the NLMA by February 14 each year to avoid expiry of their Licence to Practice Medicine on February 15.

Once a Licence to Practice Medicine has expired, a physician is no longer able to practice 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, all physicians are encouraged 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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