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Emergency Licence Policy

An Emergency Licence shall only be issued in an immediate need for medical services due to an actual or potential threat to public safety, health or welfare or where the provincial or federal Minister of Health makes a request.

Scope:

This policy sets the criteria in which an applicant may be eligible for an Emergency Licence.

Policy:

An Emergency Licence shall only be issued where:

1. The Registrar or Council determines there is an immediate need for medical services due to an actual or potential threat to public safety, health or welfare, and a request has been made to the College from the CEO or VP Medical Services of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS); **or**
2. A request has been made to the College from the provincial or federal Minister of Health.

Eligibility for an Emergency Licence:

1. Physicians previously licensed with CPSNL (who do not currently hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in another Canadian jurisdiction):
 - i. Meets the minimum currency of practice requirement;
 - ii. Provides government issued photo identification;
 - iii. Provides proof of professional liability coverage; and
 - iv. Satisfies any other licensing requirements deemed appropriate by the Registrar.
2. Physicians currently licensed in another Canadian Jurisdiction:
 - i. Meets the minimum currency of practice requirement;
 - ii. Provides a Certificate of Professional Conduct from their current home jurisdiction;
 - iii. Provides government issued photo identification;
 - iv. Provides proof of professional liability coverage; and
 - v. Satisfies any other licensing requirements deemed appropriate by the Registrar.

3. Physicians **not** currently licensed within Canada but who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in a jurisdiction outside of Canada shall only be issued an Emergency Licence in extreme/catastrophic situations. Applicants must submit an Application for Registration which shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The above noted eligibility requirements may be waived in circumstances where the Registrar or the Council determines necessary and practicable.

An Emergency Licence issued under this policy **may** be subject to conditions and restrictions, including, but not limited to:

- i. A restriction that the physician only practice in a specified practice location(s);
- ii. A restriction that the physician be limited to a defined scope of practice;
- iii. A condition of Sponsorship from NLHS; and
- iv. A condition that the licence only be issued for a pre-determined amount of time and may not be renewed thereafter.

An Emergency Licence issued under this policy shall not be issued for a period exceeding 12-months.

The Registrar or Council may terminate an Emergency Licence issued under this policy at any time.

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