



Continuing Professional Development Deferrals

Quality Policy

Purpose

This policy explains how to request more time to meet the requirements of the [Continuing Professional Development Policy](#) and the type of situations where a request may be approved.

Scope

This policy applies to all Registrants licensed to practice medicine or physician assisting in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Definitions

Continuing Professional Development (CPD): learning that helps Registrants keep and build their knowledge and skills to provide safe and competent care.

Policy

You may ask the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) for a deferral if you cannot meet your CPD program requirements because of:

- illness
- parental leave
- caregiving responsibilities
- other exceptional circumstances

To request a deferral, you must complete CPSNL's [Application Form](#) and explain why you need more time.

In considering your request, CPSNL will look at:

- whether the circumstances were within your control
- whether you could've reasonably prevented or reduced the impact of the circumstances
- whether the circumstances affected your ability to meet CPD program requirements
- your type of practice
- whether a deferral could put the public at risk

CPSNL will send you a written decision about your CPD deferral request. If CPSNL approves your request, the decision will tell you how long the deferral will last and whether you must follow any conditions.

If CPSNL denies your request for deferral, you must meet your CPD program requirements in the timeline required by the program.

Non-Compliance

CPSNL may check to see if you are meeting your CPD program requirements. If you are not meeting those requirements, CPSNL may revoke your licence to practice.

Related Documents

CPSNL (2025) Licensing Policy: [Continuing Professional Development](#)

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