

POLICY ON INTER-PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION RECIPROCITY for the Mobility of Midwives in Canada

In accordance with the amendments to Chapter 7 of Canada's Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), midwives currently registered in other Canadian jurisdictions regulating the practice of midwifery can apply for registration in British Columbia. Based on Articles 706.3 and 706.4, the College of Midwives of British Columbia (CMBC) will register the midwives as follows:

1. An applicant for registration with CMBC under the provisions of Chapter 7 of AIT will be eligible for general or temporary registration without additional assessment subject to the following requirements:
 - a) The applicant must be a general registrant with no practice conditions or restrictions in one of the other Canadian provinces or territories that regulates midwifery;
 - b) The applicant must give consent for the regulatory body in the Canadian jurisdiction(s) in which the applicant is currently and, if applicable, has been previously registered to provide CMBC with a *Letter of Standing and Professional Conduct*¹;
 - c) The applicant must demonstrate proficiency in English to ensure proper communication and public protection in the practice of midwifery in the province of BC. The requirement is only applicable where the applicant was not required to meet or has not met an equivalent requirement to demonstrate proficiency in English in the province or territory where she is currently registered. Information about how to demonstrate an acceptable level of English language proficiency is available from the CMBC;
 - d) The applicant must satisfy any other registration requirements specified by the laws of British Columbia, regulations and CMBC by-laws²; and
 - e) The applicant must have completed and submitted the prescribed application form with related documents.

¹ "*Letter of Standing and Professional Conduct*" has been agreed to include that the applicant has general registration status, with no conditions or limitations placed on their registration, is not in default of fees, meets all continuing competency requirements of the regulatory college with which the applicant is currently registered (and what those are) and has had no disciplinary findings against them in the previous six years of practice. Regulators have also agreed to provide each other with registration information which would include disciplinary findings, outcomes of settled complaints/consent agreements, any suspensions, conditions or limitations imposed on the applicant's registration, and whether a complaint or other investigation is currently in process (with the understanding that this is a "yes/no" response and further information about a current proceeding cannot be shared). Regulatory colleges reserve the right to wait for investigations that are in process to be concluded prior to granting registration.

² E.g. criminal record clearance, professional liability insurance, good character consistent with the responsibilities of a registrant, education and certification in the prescription of controlled substances, etc.

2. An applicant who has been a general registrant for less than one year in a Canadian jurisdiction which regulates midwifery is eligible to be registered under this policy but will be subject to the same new registrant requirements as set out in CMBC's *New Registrants Policy* that applies to all other BC registrants in their first year of registration.
3. The applicant must have current certification or completion of neonatal resuscitation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency skills from programs that meet CMBC requirements in order to register as a midwife in BC. Registrants of a Canadian regulated jurisdiction who do not meet Chapter 7 criteria as relates to the requirements specified above, such as registrants with conditions or restrictions on their registration, may apply for BC registration and may have their application considered. CMBC may register the applicant with conditions or restrictions or may decline the application, based on the Approval Panel of the Registration Committee's assessment of that application.
4. All inter-provincial applicants must pass the BC Jurisprudence Examination on BC specific knowledge essential to practice, such as consultation and transfer requirements and midwives' prescribing and diagnostic testing authority. The BC Jurisprudence Examination is not more than two hours in length, takes a short period of preparation time and can be accessed any time during the year. If the applicant does not demonstrate competence via the examination, the applicant may be given conditional registration and an opportunity to prove competency in those areas.
5. BC temporary registration may be issued to registrants from other Canadian jurisdictions. Temporary registration can facilitate such things as locum coverage and visiting faculty being affiliated with midwifery practices.
6. An inter-provincial applicant who is applying for temporary registration of less than one month and who can provide proof of 1) current general registration in the applicant's home province or territory and 2) liability coverage from the applicant's home province or territory that has been extended to cover practice in British Columbia, may be exempted from the written examination requirements under #5 above and may be granted temporary registration with conditions at the discretion of the Approval Panel of the Registration Committee.