

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

In accordance with Chapter 7 of the *Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)* formerly known as *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 (BC). Based on the terms of the CFTA, the College of Midwives of BC (CMBC) will register the midwives in the registration class equivalent to their status in the jurisdiction of origin.

An applicant for registration with CMBC under the provisions of Chapter 7 of CFTA will be subject to the following requirements:

- a) The applicant must be registered in a Canadian jurisdiction that regulates midwifery;
- b) The applicant must submit an application form with related documents and pay all applicable fees;
- c) 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;
- d) The applicant must demonstrate proficiency in English. 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 jurisdiction of origin. Information about how to demonstrate an acceptable level of English language proficiency is available from the CMBC;
- e) The applicant must pass the BC Jurisprudence Examination. An applicant, who is applying for registration of less than one month and who can provide proof of 1) current general registration in the applicant's jurisdiction of origin and 2) liability coverage from the applicant's jurisdiction of origin that has been extended to cover practice in BC, may be exempted from this requirement and may be granted temporary registration;

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.

- f) The applicant must satisfy any other registration requirements specified by the laws of BC, regulations and *Bylaws for College of Midwives of British Columbia*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 requirements as set out in CMBC's *Policy on New Registrant Requirements* that applies to all other BC Registrants in their first year of registration.

Registrants of a Canadian regulated jurisdiction who have 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 subject to the applicant meeting the requirements under 1 b) to f) or may decline the application, based on the Approval Panel of the Registration Committee's assessment of that application.

An applicant who applies for non-practising registration and returns to practice within 24 hours after registration may be exempted from paying the initial non-practising registration fee.

² An applicant applying for Non-practising registration is not required to provide proof that the applicant has professional liability insurance, current certification in neonatal resuscitation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency skills from CMBC acceptable programs or certification in the prescription of controlled substances.