
3. Entry to Practice Examination

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Guiding Principle: To provide an overview of the entry to practice examination process for new or re-entry applicants.

Policy Statement:

Newfoundland and Labrador Paramedicine Regulation (NLPR) ensures competency within the paramedicine profession for compliance with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). Applicants pursuing licensure as an Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) or Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and not licensed in another Canadian jurisdiction, must successfully complete an entry to practice examination for proof of competency.

Standards:

1. ACP, PCP or EMR applicants not licensed in any Canadian jurisdiction must successfully complete an entry to practice exam as part of the regulation process.
2. Applicants transferring an active licensure from another Canadian jurisdiction through labour mobility do not require an entry to practice exam as part of the regulation process.
3. The Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators (COPR) administers entry to practice examinations for paramedicine in Newfoundland and Labrador. COPR delivers online entry to practice examinations with virtual proctoring.
4. Applicants are subject to all policies and fees surrounding the COPR entry to practice examination process. Please visit www.copr.ca.
5. Applicants suspected of misconduct during the COPR entry to practice exam process may be referred to the Paramedicine Regulation Committee (PRC) to determine licensure eligibility.
6. Applicants have one year from graduation to a maximum of three attempts, whichever comes first, to pass a COPR entry to practice exam.
7. Applicants less than one year from graduation are eligible for the COPR entry to practice examination and are not required to obtain prior authorization from NLPR.
8. Applicants greater than one year from graduation must request authorization for COPR exam eligibility from NLPR. Authorization is dependent on the course graduation date and number of examination attempts.



9. International applicants are subject to the COPR entry to practice examination following an equivalency assessment of the education in paramedicine to determine licensure level.
10. Deactivated Providers who apply for re-entry are subject to a competency assessment and COPR entry to practice examination. Remediation, if assigned by NLPR, must be concluded before Providers receive authorization to write the COPR entry to practice exam.
11. Applicants who are unsuccessful following a third attempt of an entry to practice examination, must complete recognized refresher training assigned by NLPR.
12. Applicants have one year from remediation to a maximum of an additional three attempts, whichever comes first, to pass the COPR entry to practice exam.
13. Applicants who are unsuccessful following a sixth attempt of an entry to practice examination are no longer eligible for regulation.

Procedures:

1. Educational institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador are requested to forward contact information on graduates of paramedicine programs to NLPR.
2. NLPR shall provide students of paramedicine programs in Newfoundland and Labrador nearing graduation, direction surrounding paramedicine regulation and the COPR entry to practice examination.
3. Applicants are responsible for scheduling the COPR entry to practice exam.
4. Applicants must forward a copy of the COPR certificate and/or exam report to NLPR as part of the licensure process.

References:

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Definitions:

TERM	DEFINITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CANADIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT 	<i>(CFTA) - Domestic trade agreement that facilitates the free movement of people, goods, services, and investments across Canada while maintaining provincial, territorial, and federal regulatory autonomy. (i.e. labour mobility)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CANADIAN ORGANIZATION PARAMEDIC REGULATORS 	<i>(COPR) - Group of self-regulating colleges and government regulators of the emergency medical responder and paramedic profession in Canada.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARAMEDICINE REGULATION COMMITTEE 	<i>(PRC) - Impartial committee for the purpose of regulatory decision-making for serious issues involving professional incompetence or misconduct.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT 	<i>Applicant determined to be a non-resident of Canada who has completed either foreign or domestic education within paramedicine.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEACTIVATED PROVIDER 	<i>Provider with permanent revocation of licensure.</i>