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Sign Up for PharmaNet by November 15, 2023!

The Board has extended the deadline for registrants to sign up for PharmaNet access to **November 15, 2023**.

The decision to extend the deadline was made due to technical difficulties that some registrants were experiencing during the application process which resulted in delays in their applications being approved by PharmaNet. The Board decided to extend the deadline so that registrants' ability to prescribe drugs under their Prescriptive Authority certification would not be affected by these issues.

The new deadline coincides with the opening of the registration renewal period for next year, which means that registrants will need to be registered for PharmaNet access prior to applying for or renewing certification in Prescriptive Authority in 2023.

The College thanks those registrants who have already applied for PharmaNet access, as

this is an important step in promoting patient safety and fulfilling the College's mandate to protect the public. Any registrant who has not already done so is strongly encouraged to enrol in PRIME as soon as possible so that PRIME can process their enrolment in time to meet the November 15, 2023 deadline.

Why is access to PharmaNet required?

The College made the decision to require access to PharmaNet to promote best practices among prescribing registrants and to promote better safety and health outcomes for patients.

Access to PharmaNet ensures that prescribers have a full and accurate picture of their patients' prescription history, which helps to prevent over-prescribing and adverse drug interactions. For patients, this means increased safety and better health outcomes. For prescribers, this means less risk of causing an adverse reaction to treatment in their patients, and therefore less risk of facing complaints or liability associated with negative patient experiences.

Questions about how to enrol in PRIME?

The College and the PRIME team will be doing a live walk-through on December 14, 2022 at 10:00am. Registrants will be able to ask questions about the process by [joining the session via TEAMS](#) (Meeting ID: 297 662 673 180, Passcode: LxWc8T)

For dial-in, please join at: [+1 778-401-6289](#), Phone Conference ID: 717 597 144#

The College will be recording the walk-through and posting it to the CNPBC website.

For more information on how to sign up, including video tutorials, visit these links:

- [PRIME landing page \(www.gov.bc.ca/pharmanet/PRIME\)](http://www.gov.bc.ca/pharmanet/PRIME)
- [CNPBC-Newsletter-May-2022.pdf](#)

Any questions about enrolling in PRIME should be directed to PRIMESupport@gov.bc.ca or 1-844-397- 7463



Notice of Annual Registration Renewal for 2023

It's time again to renew your registration for 2023. Under section 56 of the College's Bylaws, both practising and non-practising registrants must pay their renewal and certification fees by January 1, 2023. This can be easily done online.

As noted previously, a 10% fee increase will apply to the registration year beginning January 1, 2023, to address the increasing costs associated with regulation.

- Full practising \$2,090
- Non-practising \$2,090

Certification fees are listed in Schedule "C" of the College's Bylaws, and they apply to each certification held by a registrant.

Non-practising registrants

Non-practising registrants, and registrants intending to change their class to non-practising during renewal, who are not practising naturopathic medicine because they are on

medical/disability leave, retired, or on parental leave, may apply to be exempt from the non-practising renewal fee.

The application form for a non-practising fees exemption can be found on the Registrant Online Self-Service (ROSS) website under the “Forms & Resources” area in the “Registration” folder. Non-practising registrants who were approved for the fee exemption last year will have to reapply for the fee exemption this year. **The deadline to submit the non-practising fees exemption form is December 15, 2022.**

How to renew

The Registrant Online Self-Service (ROSS) website is available for registration renewal starting November 15, 2022. There is no paper application for registration renewal. If you cannot submit your payment online using a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only), the College will accept a certified cheque or bank draft.

If you are having difficulty with the website, please try updating your browser to its most current version. If you have forgotten your password or the answer to your security question, just click on the “Forgot Password” button on the sign-in page. Please note that your password and the answers to your security questions are case-sensitive.

Consequences of failure to pay registration renewal fees by the January 1, 2023 deadline:

Failure to complete the renewal process by January 1, 2023 will result in the immediate cancellation of license, pursuant to section 21(3)(b) of the Health Professions Act and section 56(11) of the Bylaws. If your license is cancelled, you must:

1. stop practising naturopathic medicine until you have been granted reinstatement at the discretion of the Registration Committee; and
2. apply for reinstatement according to sections 58 and 60 of the Bylaws, as applicable.

Consequences of failure to pay certification renewal fees by the January 1, 2023 deadline:

If certification renewal fees are not paid by January 1, 2023, you will be required to:

1. stop practising the corresponding aspect of practice for the certification(s); and
2. apply to reinstate the certification(s) and pay the required fees before resuming the corresponding aspect of practice.

Renew your Health Profession Corporation (HPC) permit online

The **HPC Permit Renewal** process has moved online and is included in the registration renewal process.

A corporation must not provide naturopathic medical services to the public unless it holds a health profession corporation permit from the College. Current valid HPC permits expire on December 31, 2022. For more information about HPCs, visit the College's website.

Continuing Education (CE) deadline

Correction to the dates provided in the November 2022 Newsletter: The current CE period is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. Registrants are required to submit their CE information by January 1, 2024.

Changing your registration class

If you change your registration from full practising class to non-practising during the renewal process, there will be a \$25 administration fee. If you are applying for a non-practising fee exemption, please submit the form and await approval prior to completing your registration renewal.

Provincial Government Introduces New Legislation to Replace the Health Professions Act

BC's Minister of Health, on Oct. 19, 2022, [introduced new legislation](#) to replace the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), the umbrella statute by which the government has established a

common regulatory system for the province's health professions.

The new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA), which received royal assent on Nov. 24, 2022, lays the groundwork for transforming how regulators fulfill our mandate to protect the public. This new legislation reflects Harry Cayton's [2018 review](#) of the HPA and the former [College of Dental Surgeons of BC](#) and the [subsequent recommendations from the all-party Steering Committee](#) on the Modernization of Health Profession Regulation in 2020.

It is now up to Cabinet to determine when this [new Act](#) will take effect. For now, CNPBC continues to operate under the current HPA.

What will this mean for naturopathic doctors?

CNPBC is reviewing the new HPOA and assessing how it will impact our work. Some notable provisions include:

- A significant focus on discrimination and anti-racism
- Enabling colleges to create and update bylaws without requiring ministerial approval
- Eliminating the election of registrant board members in favour of fully appointed boards
- Setting out requirements for the creation of a new oversight body with responsibility for functions such as managing the board appointment process and running disciplinary hearings
- Requiring colleges to publish the outcome of all disciplinary actions
- Changing the terms "registration" to "license", and "registrants" to "licensees"
- Legislative options and a path for amalgamations to reduce the number of health profession regulators from fourteen to six.

The new Act's focus on discrimination aligns with CNPBC's cultural safety and humility journey and our work to tackle anti-Indigenous racism and other forms of discrimination.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Ministry, registrants, fellow

regulators, and the public to advance a vision for health profession regulation that is efficient, consistent, effective, and firmly focused on the public interest. We will provide registrants with regular updates over the coming months.

If you have any questions, feel free to email the College at office@cnpbc.bc.ca



A Note From the Registrar

Its hard to believe that 2022 is nearly over and as it will be 2023 in a few short weeks its time to look back on what has been a very busy year. Here are just two milestones from 2022.

- Working with ten other regulatory colleges we developed an Indigenous Cultural Safety and Humility Practice Standard.
- On September 21, 2022, the College published two new practice standards that address informed consent and treating in groups. Practice Standards are legally

enforceable standards which set out requirements related to specific aspects of naturopathic doctors' practice.

As noted earlier in this newsletter, Bill 36, the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, received royal assent on November 24, 2022, and is now law in British Columbia. Cabinet will decide when it is to take effect. We will let you know as soon as we know more.

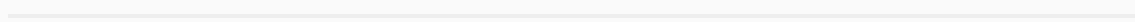
I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Committee members and all of the staff who have worked so hard this year. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of everyone at the College, I wish you the happiest of holidays and a healthy new year.

Stay well.

Carina Herman

We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - s̓kw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓w̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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