College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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Re-Entry to Practice

Purpose:
To formalize and clarify the expectations and steps required with respect to re-entry to practice when an applicant no longer meets the criteria of practice hours for re-registration.

Policy:
As per *The Physiotherapists Act Part 4 Registration, 8 Board of Assessors,* Council shall appoint a board of assessors to consider and decide on applications for registration including through Re-Entry. A person who has been absent from the practice of physiotherapy and/or is unable to provide evidence of a minimum of 1200 physiotherapy practice hours during the preceding five (5) years, is required to participate in a program of re-orientation and upgrading as determined by the Board of Assessors in order to be granted active registration.

The approved program of reorientation and upgrading may include the following components:

1. Submission of a plan outlining study and upgrading opportunities. This can include observation, mentoring with a qualified physiotherapist, self-study or participating in continuing education courses.

2. Successfully passing the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) Written Component.

3. Successfully passing an approved Clinical Evaluation as approved by Council. (See Registration and Licensing Direction *Approved Entry-to-Practice Examination*)

4. Undergo a period of supervised practice.

Procedure:

1. Once the candidate has provided proof of successfully passing the Written Component, the candidate must register on the examination candidate register to practice under supervision, if wanting to practice. It is recommended that the candidate seek out jobs in a facility where they will have exposure to the three main clinical areas (orthopedics, cardio respiratory and neurology) is available. The preferred type of setting is a general hospital. The final approval of the supervisor and employer rests with the Board of Assessors. Re-Entry Candidates have the same conditions on their license as those on the Examination Candidate Register as outlined in Registration and Licensing Direction *Registration on the Examination Candidate Register*.

2. Candidates may only be registered on the examination candidate register for 2 years and are allowed 3 attempts to pass the Clinical Evaluation whichever comes first. A Clinical Evaluation attempt is any combination of Manitoba's PBCA, the Physiotherapy Competency Examination Clinical Component administered by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, or any other Canadian physiotherapy regulator's clinical competency evaluation for full licensure.

3. When the candidate successfully completes the Clinical Evaluation, full licensure can be granted. Please refer to Registration and Licensing Direction *Change in Registration Status* for further details on converting to the Active Practicing Register.

4. To have their name entered on any reserved act roster, the registrant will need to show evidence of re-certification and the current requirements of the roster.