



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Registration Policy

Waiver of Section 25.3(1) of the *Health Professions Act* for Registrants who Practise in Both British Columbia and Another Jurisdiction

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the registration requirements for registrants practising in both British Columbia and another Canadian province or another jurisdiction, pursuant to section 25.3(1) of the *Health Professions Act (HPA)*, and the circumstances under which such registrants may be eligible for a waiver, pursuant to section 25.3(2) of the *HPA*.

BACKGROUND

Section 25.3 of the *HPA* states:

- 25.3 (1) If a registrant leaves British Columbia and practises medicine or surgery during the registrant's absence, the registrant must not resume the practice of medicine or surgery in British Columbia until the registrant provides the registrar with a certificate of professional conduct or an equivalent document satisfactory to the registrar from every place the registrant has practised medicine or surgery during the absence.
- (2) The board may waive the requirements of this section.

Section 1-15(4) of the *HPA* states:

- 1-15 (4) The duties and powers of the board under section 25.3(2) of the Act are delegated to the registration committee.

Section 2-1 of the College Bylaws states:

- 2-1 (1) A registrant shall notify the registrar as specified by the College of their business address, business telephone number, and personal and unique e-mail address. The address of a registrant is the registrant's business address as set out in section 1-0;
- (2) If there is a change in the information provided under subsection (1), the registrant shall amend their information within 14 days of the effective date of the change.

POLICY

Section 25.3(1) requirement

Registrants who practise in both BC and another jurisdiction(s) outside of BC are required to provide the registrar with a certificate of professional conduct or equivalent document from the other jurisdiction(s) before resuming practice in BC, in accordance with section 25.3(1) of the *HPA*.

Request for a waiver

Registrants in the full class of registration who leave BC and commence practice in another Canadian province three or more times annually may apply to the Registration Committee for a waiver of their obligation under section 25.3(1) of the *HPA*, and the committee may waive the requirement pursuant to section 25.3(2) of the *HPA*.

The committee may also waive the requirements for registrants in the provisional or conditional classes, or for registrants who practise between BC and a jurisdiction outside of Canada, where exceptional circumstances exist, following a written request from the registrant.

Registrant obligations if waiver granted

If the committee waives the requirements under section 25.3(1), the registrant will be required to undertake in writing to do the following:

- Provide this College with the address(es) in the jurisdiction(s) they practise on an annual basis during the annual licence renewal period.
- At the time of annual licence renewal and in any event, no later than March 31 of each year, provide certificates of professional conduct from every jurisdiction the registrant has practised during their absence. Failing to provide a certificate of professional conduct by April 30 of each year will result in the registrant's registration and licensure status being changed from active, practising to out of province.
- Notify the College immediately, in writing, if they have become the subject of any concerns, complaints, investigations, reportable actions, or have voluntarily relinquished from practice in another jurisdiction.
- Notify the College immediately, in writing, of any change regarding their practice in the jurisdiction(s) outside of BC.
- Provide authorization for the College to obtain any information from the regulatory body for the other jurisdiction(s) including any concerns, complaints, reviews or investigations regarding the registrant's conduct or competence.

Out of province status

Registrants who intend to practise outside of British Columbia for an extended period, or for one time only, should notify the registration department. Depending on the registrant's circumstances and at the discretion of the registration department, that registrant's status may be changed to out of province.

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