

College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Professionals of Saskatchewan
(Regulatory Bylaws pursuant to *The Medical Radiation and Imaging Professionals Act*)

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Title

1 These bylaws may be referred to as *The Medical Radiation and Imaging Professionals Regulatory Bylaws*.

Definitions

2 In these bylaws:

- (a) “Act” means *The Medical Radiation and Imaging Professionals Act*;
- (b) “discipline” means one of the following disciplines comprising the profession of medical radiation and imaging:
 - (i) radiological technology;
 - (ii) nuclear medicine;
 - (iii) magnetic resonance imaging;
 - (iv) radiation therapy;
 - (v) diagnostic medical sonography;
- (c) “prescribed fee” means the applicable fee prescribed in *The MRIP Fee Bylaws*;
- (d) “prescribed educational program” means an educational program described in section 3;
- (e) “required application form” means the form provided by the college;
- (f) “required examination” means the examination described in section 4.

REGISTRATION AS A MEMBER**Educational programs**

3 An education program at an educational institution approved by the council is prescribed for the purposes of clause 20(1)(c) of the Act.

Examinations

4(1) The examinations administered by the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists and Sonography Canada, or an examination deemed equivalent by the council, is prescribed for the purposes of clause 20(1)(d) of the Act.

(2) A person who has successfully completed a prescribed educational program must write the required examination at the first available opportunity unless the council or the registrar gives written permission to defer the writing of the examination.

(3) A person may only write the required examination a maximum of four times.

Categories of membership

5 Membership in the college consists of the following categories:

- (a) full practice membership;

- (b) graduate membership;
- (c) student membership;
- (d) non-practice membership;
- (e) life membership.

General requirements for membership

6 All applicants for full practice or graduate membership shall submit:

- (a) a completed required application form, together with the prescribed fee;
- (b) in the case of an applicant whose first language is not English, evidence that the applicant meets the requirements for proficiency in English as recognized by council;
- (c) evidence satisfactory to the council of the applicant's good character and, where applicable, good professional record; and
- (d) a criminal record check.

Full practice membership

7(1) Full practice membership and initial licensure is available to a person who:

- (a) meets the requirements of clauses 20(1)(a), (b) and (d) of the Act and has completed a prescribed educational program:
 - (i) in medical radiation and imaging within the previous five years; or
 - (ii) in sonography within the previous four years; or
- (b) meets the requirements of subsection 20(1.1) of the Act;

and successfully completes the governance education module (jurisprudence course) set or approved by the council.

(2) Full practice membership entitles a person to the following privileges:

- (a) subject to obtaining a full practice licence in accordance with these bylaws, to practise as a medical radiation and imaging professional in their discipline;
- (b) to use the titles as prescribed in section 22 of the Act;
- (c) to have a voice and vote at all annual or special meetings;
- (d) to be appointed to committees of the college;
- (e) to receive copies of the college's documents appropriate for distribution; and
- (f) to receive the publications of the college.

Graduate membership

8(1) Graduate membership and initial licensure is available to a person who:

- (a) is eligible to write the required examination; or
- (b) has written the required examination but has not received the examination results.

(2) Graduate membership entitles a person to the following privileges:

- (a) subject to obtaining a graduate practice licence in accordance with these bylaws, to practice only under the direct supervision of a full practice member in the same discipline who is in good standing with the college;
- (b) to have a voice and vote at annual or special meetings; and
- (c) to receive the publications of the college.

Student membership

9(1) Student membership is available to a person who is enrolled in a prescribed educational program.

(2) Student membership entitles a person to receive the publications of the college.

Non-practice membership

10(1) Non-practice membership is available to a person who:

- (a) was previously licensed as a full practice member but chooses not to practice; and
- (b) is in good standing with the college.

(2) Non-practice membership entitles a person to the following privileges:

- (a) to have a voice and vote at all annual or special meetings;
- (b) to receive the publications of the college;
- (c) to use the titles prescribed in section 22 of the Act.

Life membership

11(1) Life membership is available to a person who:

- (a) has made an outstanding contribution as a medical radiation or imaging professional or to the college; and
- (b) has been so designated by the college.

(2) Life membership entitles a person the following privileges:

- (a) to have a voice and vote at annual or special meetings; and
- (b) to receive the publications of the College.

Emergency registration and licensure

12(1) If, in the opinion of the council, an emergency exists and there are insufficient medical radiation or imaging professionals to provide necessary care to individuals affected by the emergency, council may make a declaration of an emergency.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, if a declaration of an emergency has been made pursuant to subsection (1), the registrar may, subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions that the registrar considers appropriate with respect to each person:

(a) register as a full practice member and issue a full practice licence to a person who is currently or has been licensed to practice as a medical radiation or imaging professional in Canada;

(b) register as a graduate member and issue a graduate licence to a person who has substantially completed a prescribed educational program.

(3) A licence granted under the authority of this section is terminated when council declares that a declaration of an emergency made pursuant to subsection (1) is no longer in effect.

LICENSURE

Licence required

13(1) Unless otherwise stated on the licence or pursuant to these bylaws, all licences expire on December 31 of the year for which they are issued.

(2) Every member is required to obtain a licence in each year in order to practise as a member by submitting the required application form, together with the prescribed fee and any other fees or charges owing to the college for any reason, on or before December 1 in each year.

(3) A member who does not obtain or renew a licence ceases to be licensed and is not entitled to practise or work as a member as of January 1 of the year for which the licence is required.

(4) A member who does not renew a licence is noted as an inactive member in the register.

Full practice licence

14(1) A full practice licence is available to a full practice member who:

(a) has:

(i) worked 1,200 practice hours in the member's declared primary discipline and 300 practice hours in any secondary discipline within the previous five years or any longer period that the registrar may approve in writing;

(ii) completed a prescribed educational program:

(A) in medical radiation and imaging within the previous four years; or

(B) in sonography within the previous three years; or

(iii) completed a re-entry program recognized by council within the preceding year; and

(b) subject to subsection (2), has completed a total of 10 continuing education credits within the previous 12 months in accordance with section 18.

(2) Members who have not completed the continuing education credits required by clause (1)(b) may receive a full practice licence on the condition that they practice only under the direct supervision of a full practice member in the same discipline who is in good standing with the college until they complete the required continuing education credits.

(3) The licence issued to an internationally trained applicant within the meaning of *The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Act* who is registered as a full practice member may be subject to any restrictions, limitations or conditions imposed in accordance with subsection 7(4) of *The Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Practices Regulations*.

Graduate licence

15(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a graduate licence is available to a graduate member.

(2) A graduate licence is only available until the date when the member successfully completes the required examination or fails it for the fourth time.

(3) A member may only renew a graduate licence after failing the required examination for a maximum period totaling one year if the member:

(a) provides satisfactory references from the member's current employer; and

(b) is writing the required examination at the earliest opportunity available.

(4) A holder of a graduate licence must practice only under the direct supervision of a full practice member in the same discipline who is in good standing with the college.

Licence revocation

16 The registrar may immediately suspend the licence of a member where the registrar determines that the member was not eligible for the licence when it was obtained, and the registrar shall refer the issue to the professional conduct committee as a complaint.

REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF REGISTRAR

Application

17(1) For the purposes of subsection 21(4) of the Act, an application to review a decision of the registrar respecting an application for registration or licensure must be made to the council within 30 days after a written copy of the decision is served on the applicant, by sending or delivering a written request in the form of a letter, which must be received in the college office within that time, setting out the grounds on which the applicant alleges that the registrar's decision is in error, together with any documentation necessary to support the allegation.

(2) The council shall provide an applicant for review with an opportunity to make a verbal presentation to the Council, if desired by the applicant, as soon as possible after the application is received.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education

18(1) Each member is required to maintain a personal inventory of continuing education credits to be made available if requested by the registrar.

(2) A member obtains continuing education credits in accordance with Schedule A for participation in professional conferences, individual activities, professional development courses, and professional contributions.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance

19 All members who practice are required to be insured against liability for professional negligence in an amount that is at least \$5,000,000 per incident and \$5,000,000 per year.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE

Code of ethics

20(1) Every member shall comply with the *Code of Professional Conduct* approved by the council and as amended or revised from time to time.

Standard of practice

20(2) All members shall comply with the standards of practice set out in the current *Scope and Standards of Practice* document approved and adopted by the council as amended or revised from time to time.

INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE

Professional conduct committee

21(1) The council shall designate the chairperson of the professional conduct committee.

(2) The term of office for members of the professional conduct committee is three years and may be renewed.

(3) A three-person panel may be established by the committee chair when required to investigate a complaint received by the committee.

(4) The professional conduct committee shall:

- (a) advise the member that a complaint has been received and of the nature of the complaint;
- (b) document and hold in confidence all information or evidence that may be relevant;
- (c) notify the complainant that the complaints or allegations will be reviewed.

(5) Where a member of the committee or panel declares a conflict of interest, the member shall not thereafter participate in any further consideration of the complaint.

Discipline committee

22(1) Decisions of the discipline committee are matters of public interest and as such shall be reported in the college's publications.

(2) The committee chair may appoint a panel of three committee members, one of which shall be a public representative, to hold a disciplinary hearing.

(3) The registrar shall provide the committee with administrative support regarding all hearings.

GENERAL

Conflict of interest

23 A member shall avoid any situation in which the member's interests' conflict, or have the potential to conflict, with the interests of any patient, client or person with whom the member has a professional relationship.

Special meetings

24 For the purposes of clause 7(2)(b) of the Act, the number of members who may demand in writing that a meeting be held is the number equal to 10% of the total number of all practising members.

Notice of meetings

25 The council shall send or deliver a notice of an annual or special meeting to all members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Electronic service

26 Any notice or other document that is required to be served or provided pursuant to the Act or these bylaws may be served or provided by electronic means to the last electronic address known to the registrar.

Repeal

27 *The Medical Radiation Technologists Regulatory Bylaws, 2015* are repealed.

Coming into force

28 Pursuant to subsection 14(4) of the Act, these bylaws come into force when they are approved by the Minister and published in the Gazette.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY Debbie Schatz, Registrar, Executive Director College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Professionals of Saskatchewan. Date: April 10, 2024.

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Schedule A
Continuing Education Credits
(Section 18)

Type of Activity	Number of Credits
Professional Conferences:	
Attendance at Professional Conference/Seminar	1 credit for every 45-60 minutes
Act as Conference/Seminar Chairperson	10 credits
Act as Conference/Seminar Committee Member	5 credits
Individual Activities:	
Attendance at in-service education/guest lecture	1 credit for every 45-60 minutes
Journal/article reading	1 credit
Participation in educational session/webinar	1 credit for every 45 to 60 minutes
Directed reading	1 credit
Literature Review	5 credits
Medical imaging quality assurance telehealth	1 credit for every 45-60 minutes
Professional Development Courses:	
Courses available from CAMRT and Sonography Canada (SC)	Credits as per the CAMRT or SC
University/Institute class related to Medical Radiation and imaging	40 credits
Successfully challenging a CAMRT or Sonography Canada exam	5 credits
Professional Contributions:	
Writing a published article	10 credits
Preparing a presentation	5 credits
Presenting at a conference, seminar or in-service	5 credits
Preparing exhibits/posters for conference/seminar/in-service	5 credits
Professional Involvement:	
Provincial/national/international Council or representative	10 credits
Committee members	5 credits