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*Effective November 28, 2023, subsection 3(6) of the *Regulations Act* was replaced. (See subsection 3(5) of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2022, *An Act to Amend Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Regulations Act*.)

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated July 17, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

[Please note: *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* filed with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations on and after January 23, 2023, will no longer be published in the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Publication of the *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* has been dispensed with by order of the Attorney General dated January 23, 2023, and published on page 63 of the February 10, 2023, issue of the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Current and historical *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* are available for inspection in person at the Office of the Registrar of Regulations and can be viewed on the Nova Scotia Energy Board's website at the following address: <https://nserbt.ca/nseb/mandates/gasoline-diesel-pricing>.]

N.S. Reg. 141/2025

Made: July 22, 2025

Filed: July 22, 2025

Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area Regulations—replacement

Order dated July 22, 2025
Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change
pursuant to subsection 106(6) of the *Environment Act*

**In the matter of subsection 106(6) of
Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the *Environment Act***

-and-

**In the matter of the repeal and replacement of
the regulations respecting Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area
made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change pursuant to
subsection 106(6) of the *Environment Act***

Order

I, Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to subsection 106(6) of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, the *Environment Act*, hereby repeal the regulations respecting the Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area, N.S. Reg. 154/1992, made by the Minister of Environment by order dated July 10, 1992, and make new regulations respecting the Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area in the form set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated and made July 22, 2025, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *T Halman*
Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting the Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area
made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change
under subsection 106(6) of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the *Environment Act***

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Environment Act*;

“Administrator” means a person employed by the Department and appointed by the Minister under Section 22;

“biocide” means a toxic chemical or other substance capable of killing living organisms, but does not include a registered pest control product;

“Board” means the Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board established to provide advice to the Minister and the Water Works Operator with respect to the management of the Lake Major Watershed;

“Department” means the Department of Environment and Climate Change;

“Minister” means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change;

“mulch” means a plant or artificial material used to cover soil to protect an area from erosion or to retain soil moisture;

“pest control product” means a pest control product as defined in the Act;

“Protected Water Area” means the land and water designated under subsection 106(5) of the Act as the Lake Major Watershed Protected Water Area, as described in Schedule “A” to the designation;

“vehicle” means any vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, whether or not the vehicle is registered under the *Motor Vehicle Act*;

“vessel” means a means of conveyance of a kind used on water and includes any accessory to the vessel;

“watercourse” means the bed and shore of a river, stream, lake, creek, pond, spring, lagoon, swamp, marsh, wetland, ravine, gulch or other natural body of water, and the water in it, including groundwater, within the jurisdiction of the Province, whether it contains water or not;

“Water Works Operator”, unless the Minister agrees otherwise in writing, means the Halifax Regional Water Commission who is the operator of the water works as defined in the Act.

Public notification

- 3 (1) The Water Works Operator must post signs at the direction of the Department to indicate that Lake Major Watershed has been designated as a Protected Water Area.
- (2) The Water Works Operator must replace any signs that have been damaged or removed.
- (3) The Water Works Operator must take appropriate measures to advertise and provide notice to the general public of these regulations.
- (4) A person must not remove or alter any sign, notice or advertisement posted under these regulations.

Fire restrictions

- 4 (1) A person must not light or be responsible for an open fire in the Protected Water Area from April 15 to October 15, inclusive, in any year except for an open fire in a barbecue or fireplace designed for cooking or heating purposes.
- (2) When open fires are permitted during the times prescribed in subsection (1), a person must not burn a product other than wood or charcoal.
- (3) A person must not light or be responsible for an open fire on ice located over Long Lake or Lake Major or within 10 m of the shoreline of those lakes.
- (4) A person involved in forestry activity in the Protected Water Area must comply with the *Forests Act* and its regulations, including the *Forest Fire Protection Regulations*.

Vehicle and vessel restrictions

- 5 (1) A person must not wash a vehicle or vessel in any watercourse or within 30 m of the shoreline or bank of any watercourse located in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) A person must not operate a vehicle, including an off-highway vehicle as defined in the *Off-highway Vehicles Act* or any other type of recreational vehicle, on or over Long Lake or Lake Major.
- (3) A person must not operate a vessel in the Protected Water Area that is powered by a motor greater than 9.9 hp or that carries more than 23 L of gasoline, unless the person meets both of the following conditions:
- (a) they are required to operate the vessel in Lake Major to safeguard its water supply;
- (b) they have been issued an approval by the Water Works Operator.
- (4) A person must not fill a gasoline tank or transfer any liquid fuel from tank to tank on or within 20 m of the shoreline or bank of Lake Major or Long Lake.

Swimming, bathing and washing restrictions

- 6 (1) A person must not bathe or wash in any watercourse in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), swimming is permitted in the Protected Water Area, including Long Lake.

- (3) A person must not swim in Lake Major, except within 800 m upstream from the Lake Major Dam.

Fishing restrictions

- 7 (1) A person must not fish from a vessel or from the shoreline of Lake Major within 100 m of the intake structure for the Lake Major water treatment facility.
- (2) A person must not use, have in their possession or release any live or dead fish or fish parts for the purpose of bait or species introductions for recreational fishing in the Protected Water Area.

Dock, wharf and mooring restrictions

- 8 (1) Except as permitted in subsection (2), a person must not install a permanent dock, wharf or mooring on any watercourse in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a person may install a seasonal or temporary dock or wharf if they have been issued an approval by the Water Works Operator before the seasonal or temporary dock or wharf is installed.
- (3) Before issuing an approval for a seasonal or temporary dock or wharf, the Water Works Operator must notify the Board.

Forestry restrictions

- 9 (1) A person must not undertake any type of forestry activity in the Protected Water Area that will diminish the quality or quantity of the water.
- (2) A person must not construct a forest access road in the Protected Water Area unless the route location is approved in writing by the Water Works Operator following consultation with the Board.
- (3) A person must not construct a bridge, culvert or otherwise alter a watercourse in the Protected Water Area unless a permit or approval is issued by the Minister or a person designated by the Minister following consultation with the Board.
- (4) An owner, operator or person responsible for a forest access road, bridge or culvert approved under subsection (2) or (3)
- (a) must maintain and repair the forest access road, bridge or culvert; and
 - (b) must not remove a bridge or culvert without first obtaining written approval from the Minister or a person designated by the Minister.
- (5) A person must not begin any type of forestry activity in the Protected Water Area unless that person
- (a) gives at least 30 days' prior notice to the Water Works Operator; and
 - (b) has been issued an approval by the Water Works Operator.
- (6) A person must not undertake any type of forestry activity in the Protected Water Area in excess of 20 ha unless the owner, operator or person responsible for the forest land has a forest management plan that meets all of the following conditions:
- (a) it was prepared by a professional forester;
 - (b) it has been reviewed and approved by the Water Works Operator following consultation with the Board;

- (c) it ensures that any forestry activity conducted in the Protected Water Area has as a primary objective the protection of
 - (i) the watershed and any watercourse located in the Protected Water Area; and
 - (ii) the quality and quantity of water located in the Protected Water Area.
- (7) A person must not drive logs on any watercourse located in the Protected Water Area.
- (8) A person must not operate forest harvesting equipment in a watercourse in the Protected Water Area.
- (9) A permit or approval issued under this Section may include terms and conditions respecting time and other restrictions if the terms, conditions or restrictions are considered necessary to protect water quality in the Protected Water Area.

Boat launch restrictions

- 10** A person must not install a boat launch or slip in the Protected Water Area, except for the purpose of operating the Lake Major Water Treatment Plant.

Pest control products and biocide restrictions

- 11** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person must not spray or otherwise apply a pest control product or biocide, including, but not limited to, an insecticide, herbicide or fungicide, in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) All of the following pest control products and biocides are exempt from subsection (1):
- (a) dormant oils;
 - (b) lime sulphur;
 - (c) insecticidal soap;
 - (d) *Bacillus thuringiensis* formulations;
 - (e) any other pest control product or biocide approved by the Administrator.
- (3) Except for the aerial application of *Baccillus thuringiensis* formulations, a person must not apply a pest control product listed in subsection (2) in the Protected Water Area unless the application is done by a ground method and is administered in accordance with the Act and its regulations.

Refuse or waste restrictions

- 12** (1) A person must not pile or accumulate agricultural refuse, farm waste or wood processing waste, including sawdust, bark, chips or shavings, within 65 m of the shoreline or bank of any watercourse in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) Any materials described in subsection (1) must be contained by a storage method approved by the Administrator.

Discharges prohibited

- 13** (1) A person must not deposit, release, discharge, drain or emit or cause or permit the deposit, release, discharge, drainage or emission of any of the following products in the Protected Water Area:

- (a) oil;
 - (b) petroleum products;
 - (c) soap;
 - (d) detergent;
 - (e) toxic chemicals;
 - (f) pest control product waste;
 - (g) garbage;
 - (h) litter;
 - (i) solid or liquid waste;
 - (j) any other material that causes or may cause pollution to a watercourse or any other area.
- (2) A product described in subsection (1) must be safely disposed of outside the boundaries of the Protected Water Area in a place and in a manner approved by the Department, the Department of Health and Wellness and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Landfill prohibition

- 14 A person, including a municipality, must not establish a dump, landfill or waste disposal site in the Protected Water Area.

Corridor restriction

- 15 A person must not construct a road, pipeline, railway, telephone line, power line or other similar development on, over or across the Protected Water Area or grant an easement on, over or across the Protected Water Area without first obtaining written approval from the Administrator following consultation with the Board.

Sewage system requirements

- 16 A person must not install an on-site sewage disposal system in the Protected Water Area unless the system is constructed in conformance with the *On-site Sewage Disposal Systems Regulations* made under the Act and other applicable legislation.

Gravel and mineral extraction

- 17 A person must not operate or use any pit, mine or quarry for the extraction of gravel, rock or minerals in the Protected Water Area without first obtaining written approval from the Administrator following consultation with the Board.

Soil erosion and sedimentation control

- 18 (1) A person must not undertake any activity that causes or might cause soil erosion resulting in sediment being deposited in a watercourse located in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) If sedimentation occurs, the owner, operator or person responsible for the property must take immediate action to install erosion and sediment control measures.
- (3) A person must not permit water that has a suspended solid concentration greater than 25 mg/L to discharge from any construction site located in the Protected Water Area.

- (4) Except for grubbing or earth moving required to construct a single- or two-unit dwelling, a person must not begin any activity requiring grubbing or earth moving in the Protected Water Area unless they have an erosion and sedimentation control plan that has been approved in writing by the Administrator following consultation with the Board.

Road construction restrictions

- 19 (1) A person must not undertake any road construction work in the Protected Water Area unless the work is conducted between June 1 and September 30, inclusive, in any year.
- (2) A person must not expose at any one time more than 1900 m² of roadway subbase in the Protected Water Area.

Dwelling unit construction restrictions

- 20 An owner, occupier, contractor or person responsible for constructing a dwelling unit in the Protected Water Area must not begin construction unless all of the following terms and conditions to control erosion and sedimentation are met:

- (a) all areas where vehicular activity takes place must be covered with rock or material to stabilize the area;
- (b) during construction, if areas described in clause (a) become rutted, additional granular material must be applied to prevent the transport of silt from the site;
- (c) if the dwelling unit is adjacent to a watercourse, ditch or storm sewer, all soil excavated to permit construction of the foundation or basement of the dwelling must be transported out of the Protected Water Area or be completely covered with a material to prevent erosion;
- (d) exposed soil must be covered to prevent erosion until a permanent protective cover is established;
- (e) erosion protection must be inspected at least twice a week by the owner, operator or person responsible and repaired if unstable areas are found;
- (f) soil that is exposed adjacent to a watercourse, ditch, or storm sewer must be stabilized within 24 hours of exposure;
- (g) once landscaping starts, lawn areas must be immediately prepared, sodded or seeded and mulched within 7 days;
- (h) no more than 200 m² of lawn area may be developed at any one time;
- (i) all landscaping must be carried out between May 1 and October 31, inclusive, in any year.

Approval requirements

- 21 (1) A person must obtain all municipal, provincial and federal approvals that may be required to conduct any type of operation or do any activity in the Protected Water Area.
- (2) A person must comply with the terms and conditions of any permit, licence or approval and any Act or regulations that might apply in the Protected Water Area.

Appointment of Administrator

- 22 The Minister may appoint an employee in the Department as an Administrator to administer these regulations on behalf of the Minister and the Department.

N.S. Reg. 142/2025

Made: June 27, 2025 and July 22, 2025

Filed: July 24, 2025

Teachers' Pension Plan Regulations—amendment

Memorandum of Agreement dated June 27, 2025 and July 22, 2025
Amendment to regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board
and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union
pursuant to Sections 14 and 20 of the *Teachers' Pension Act*

Memorandum of Agreement
Between
His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia
represented by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board
and
The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union
A Body Corporate Established Pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act*,
Being Chapter 462 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989

Whereas Sections 14 and 20 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1998, the *Teachers' Pension Act* provide that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (“the Minister”) and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union (“the Union”) may make regulations setting out the terms of the Teachers' Pension Plan (“the Pension Plan”);

And whereas the *Teachers' Pension Plan Regulations* (“the regulations”) were made as of March 31, 1999, as N.S. Reg. 88/1999;

And whereas the By-laws of the Union, as amended by Resolution 2000-15, authorize the Executive of the Union to exercise on behalf of the Union the powers of the Union under the *Teachers' Pension Act*;

And whereas by resolution of the Executive of the Union dated June 27, 2025, the Executive approved the amendments to the regulations as set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and authorized the President of the Union to sign the amendments to the regulations on behalf of the Executive;

The Minister and the Union hereby make the amendments to the regulations in the form and manner attached hereto as Schedule “A”, effective on and after August 1, 2025.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

sgd. *Denise Wood*

Witness

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sgd. *John Lohr*

Honourable John Lohr

Minister of Finance and Treasury Board

July 22, 2025

Date

sgd. *Shelly Landry*

Witness

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sgd. *Peter Day*

Peter Day

President, Nova Scotia Teachers' Union

June 27, 2025

Date

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Teachers’ Pension Plan Regulations*
Made by the Minister Responsible for the Teachers’ Pension Plan
and the Nova Scotia Teachers’ Union
pursuant to Sections 14 and 20 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1998,
the *Teachers’ Pension Act***

- 1 Section 3 of the *Teachers’ Pension Plan Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 88/1999, made by the Minister of Finance and the Nova Scotia Teachers’ Union, effective March 31, 1999, is amended by
 - (a) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (2A) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (2B) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”.
- 2 Section 11 of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (1A) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”;
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (2A) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”;
 - (c) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (2B) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”;
 - (d) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (4A) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”; and
 - (e) striking out “August 1, 2024, and July 31, 2025” in subsection (4B) and substituting “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026”.

N.S. Reg. 143/2025

Made: July 24, 2025

Filed: July 24, 2025

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated July 24, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

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Regulations and can be viewed on the Nova Scotia Energy Board's website at the following address:
<https://nserbt.ca/nseb/mandates/gasoline-diesel-pricing.>]

N.S. Reg. 144/2025

Made: June 24, 2025

Approved: July 16, 2025

Filed: July 25, 2025

Bulk Haulage Regulations—amendment

Order dated July 21, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council
pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of the *Dairy Industry Act*

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia**Amendment to the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*
made under the *Dairy Industry Act***

I certify that on June 24, 2025, the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia, pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2000, the *Dairy Industry Act*, carried a motion to amend the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 23/2003, made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia on July 17, 2002, and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 13, 2002, in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule “A”, effective on and after August 1, 2025.

Signed at Bible Hill, in the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia, on July 21, 2025.

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia

per: sgd. *J Fewer*
Jo Ann Fewer
General Manager

Approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council at Bible Hill, in the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia, on July 16, 2025.

Natural Products Marketing Council

per: sgd. *Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg*
Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg
Manager

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*
made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2000,
the *Dairy Industry Act***

Section 7 of the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 23/2003, made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia on July 17, 2002, and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 13, 2002, is amended by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following clause:

(a) for farm milk pick-up that occurs on a set schedule of every second day:

Transporter	Maximum Rate/100 L
Fisher Transport Limited	\$3.13
Burghardt Transport Limited	\$3.68

N.S. Reg. 145/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Proclamation, S. 241, S.N.S. 2023, c. 15–S. 185

Order in Council 2025-222 dated July 29, 2025
Proclamation made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 241 of the
Regulated Health Professions Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated June 13, 2025, pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and subsection 3(7) of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Interpretation Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Section 185 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before August 20, 2025.

L.S.

**Canada
Province of Nova Scotia**

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, it is

enacted as follows:

- 241** Sections 178 to 240 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Section 185 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before August 20, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Section 185 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before August 20, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

N.S. Reg. 146/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Dietetics Regulations

Order in Council 2025-223 dated July 29, 2025
Regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July 11, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting dietetics, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after August 20, 2025.

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting Dietetics
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13 and 14
of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023,
the *Regulated Health Professions Act***

Interpretation**Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Dietetics Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“former Act” is further defined to mean Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2009, the *Dietitians Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“medical nutrition therapy” means the aspect of dietetics that concerns the provision of nutrition-based care to manage or treat medical conditions or diseases and improve health outcomes;

“normal nutritional requirements” means the nutritional needs of a person in the absence of disease;

“Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists” means the college continued under Section 3 of the former Act;

“practicum” means a Board-approved program of practical training in which theoretical knowledge learned in a Board-approved education program is applied;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dietetics;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator**Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists continued**

3 The Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists is continued as a regulatory body under the name

Nova Scotia Regulator of Dietetics with the purpose of regulating the profession of dietetics in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Bylaw authorization

- 4 The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 5 In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 4.

Scope of Practice**Scope of practice of dietetics**

- 6 (1) The scope of practice of dietetics is the application of specialized and evidence-based dietetics knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of dietetics as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing a population or person's nutrition as it relates to their health status, health conditions and diseases in order to determine their nutritional status, make a nutrition-related diagnosis and identify their nutritional requirements;
 - (b) planning, implementing and evaluating nutrition interventions aimed at promoting health and preventing disease;
 - (c) planning, implementing and evaluating medical nutrition therapy;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of dietetics also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based dietetics knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 7 Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;

- (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing

Practising licence categories

8 The following are the practising licence categories for dietetics:

- (a) registered dietitian practising licence;
- (b) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

9 The following are the conditional licence categories for dietetics:

- (a) registered dietitian conditional licence;
- (b) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

10 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed 1 of the following:
 - (A) a practicum approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) a period of practical training that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to a practicum approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,

- (C) a period of practical training that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
- (iii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
- (iv) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
- (v) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
- (vi) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,
- (vii) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
- (viii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,
- (ix) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
- (x) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
- (xi) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
- (xii) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 11 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the

Act:

- (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) and (x),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that limit their ability to practise,
 - (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;
 - (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for registration in conditional register

- 12 (1)** The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:
- (a) for an existing registrant in a practising register, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(viii), (ix), (xi) and (xii), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or

- restrictions,
- (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
 - (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
 - (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection 13(1), may be granted conditional registration by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Criteria for conditional licence

13 (1) The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:

- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
- (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(viii), (ix), (xi) and (xii), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 11(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,

- (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1), may be issued a conditional licence by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions

Restriction on practice of dietetics

- 14** No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of dietetics or medical nutrition therapy or describe their activities as “dietetics” or “medical nutrition therapy” unless they are 1 of the following:
- (a) a registrant holding a registered dietitian practising licence or a registered dietitian conditional licence;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise dietetics, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
 - (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “dietitian” title, description or designation

- 15 (1)** Except as provided in subsection (2), no person may take or use the title, description or designation of “dietitian”, “registered dietitian” or “nutritionist”, the abbreviation “RD” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:
- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a registered dietitian practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a registered dietitian conditional licence;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a registered dietitian or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the

bylaws.

- (2) A person who meets all of the requirements for registration in the registered dietitian practising register except for passing the registration examinations approved by the Board, and who has been issued a registered dietitian conditional licence pending the passing of the examinations, may use the title “Candidate Registered Dietitian” and the abbreviation “RD(c)” only.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

16 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(1) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

17 In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits the provision of the following services:

- (a) the practice of dietetics by a non-registrant through delegation or assignment of tasks by a registrant, if the practising and delegation or assignment are done in accordance with the requirements approved by the Board;
- (b) the practice of dietetics in the Province by or the recovery of fees or compensation for professional services rendered by a person registered in the profession of dietetics in another country, state, territory or province who, once engaged, must accompany and temporarily care for a client during the period of the engagement, if that person does not represent or hold themselves out as a person registered under the Act or these regulations;
- (c) education and counselling about any of the following, if the education and counselling are provided to a person in accordance with normal nutritional requirements, are provided by a person other than a licensed registrant of the Regulator and are not provided or described as a way of treating any disease:
 - (i) the basic principles of good nutrition and healthy eating,
 - (ii) the essential nutrients needed by the body,
 - (iii) the recommended amounts of essential nutrients to consume according to established standards,
 - (iv) how essential nutrients work in the body,
 - (v) the effects of deficiencies or excesses of nutrients,
 - (vi) the foods and supplements that are good sources of essential nutrients,
 - (vii) the preparation of nutritious foods.

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

18 In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of dietetics, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:
 - (i) the title of “dietitian” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
 - (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 14 may describe their activities as “dietetics” or “medical nutrition therapy”.

Fines**Professional conduct fine maximum**

19 A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$50 000.

Criminal Offences and Withdrawal or Suspension of Privileges**Criminal offence or suspension or withdrawal of privilege of applicant or registrant**

20 In addition to the requirements of Section 61 of the Act and Section 60 of the General Regulations, an applicant or registrant who is charged with, pleads guilty to or is convicted of any offence under the *Food and Drugs Act* (Canada) or its regulations or who has privileges under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) suspended or withdrawn must immediately report the offence, suspension or withdrawal to the registrar.

N.S. Reg. 147/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Proclamation, S. 241, S.N.S. 2023, c. 15–S. 178

Order in Council 2025-224 dated July 29, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 241 of the
Regulated Health Professions Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July 9, 2025, pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and subsection 3(7) of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Interpretation Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Section 178 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 15, 2025.

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Canada
Province of Nova Scotia

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, it is enacted as follows:

241 Sections 178 to 240 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Section 178 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 15, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Section 178 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 15, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

N.S. Reg. 148/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulations

Order in Council 2025-225 dated July 29, 2025

Regulations made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July

4, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting audiology and speech-language pathology, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after September 15, 2025.

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

Interpretation

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“former Act” is further defined to mean Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2015, the *Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“hearing test” means

- (i) the examination of a client to screen or assess their hearing in order to quantify hearing loss, and
- (ii) to use speech recognition testing for the purpose of fitting a hearing aid to a client;

“Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists” means the college continued as the Nova Scotia College of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology under Section 3 of the former Act;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation

or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator

Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists continued

- 3** The Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists is continued as a regulatory body under the name Nova Scotia Regulator of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology with the purpose of regulating the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Bylaw authorization

- 4** The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(i), (k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 5** In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 4.

Composition of registration and licensing panel

- 6** In addition to the requirements of subsection 31(1) of the Act, a registration and licensing committee panel or a registration and licensing review committee panel appointed to review a matter must include at least 1 registrant of the profession that the matter relates to.

Scope of Practice

Scope of practice of audiology

- 7 (1)** The scope of practice of audiology is the application of specialized and evidence-based audiology knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2)** The scope of practice of audiology as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing, identifying, treating and managing hearing loss and audiological disorders and conditions;
 - (b) screening for speech-language disorders;
 - (c) making an audiological diagnosis;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3)** The scope of practice of audiology also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and

evidence-based audiology knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of speech-language pathology

- 8 (1)** The scope of practice of speech-language pathology is the application of specialized and evidence-based speech-language pathology knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2)** The scope of practice of speech-language pathology as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing, identifying, treating and managing communication and swallowing disorders;
 - (b) conducting hearing tests to identify hearing loss;
 - (c) making a speech-language disorder diagnosis;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3)** The scope of practice of speech-language pathology also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based speech-language pathology knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 9** Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
 - (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing

Practising licence categories

- 10** The following are the practising licence categories for audiology and speech-language pathology:
- (a) audiologist practising licence;
 - (b) speech-language pathologist practising licence;
 - (c) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

11 The following are the conditional licence categories for audiology and speech-language pathology:

- (a) audiologist conditional licence;
- (b) speech-language pathologist conditional licence;
- (c) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

12 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (iii) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
 - (iv) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
 - (v) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,
 - (vi) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
 - (vii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,
 - (viii) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or

- restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
- (ix) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
 - (x) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (xi) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 13 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (ix),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that limit their ability to practise,
 - (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;

- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
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14 (1) The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:

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 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
- (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or restrictions,
 - (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise

meets the requirements of subsection 15(1), may be granted conditional registration by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Criteria for conditional licence

- 15 (1)** The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:
- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 13(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,
 - (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2)** The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3)** A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4)** An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1), may be issued a conditional licence by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions**Restriction on practice of audiology**

16 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of audiology or describe their activities as “audiology” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding an audiologist practising licence or an audiologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise audiology, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on practice of speech-language pathology

17 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or describe their activities as “speech-language pathology” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a speech-language pathologist practising licence or a speech-language pathologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise speech-language pathology, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “audiologist” title, description or designation

18 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of “audiologist” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) an audiologist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) an audiologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as an audiologist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “speech-language pathologist” title, description or designation

19 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of “speech-language pathologist”, “speech and language clinician” or “speech and language therapist” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a speech-language pathologist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,

- (ii) a speech-language pathologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a speech-language pathologist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

20 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(l) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

21 (1) In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits a person authorized to fit or sell hearing aids under the *Direct Sellers' Regulation Act* from providing any of the following services to clients who are 18 years of age or older:

- (a) conducting hearing tests and selecting, dispensing, fitting and verifying hearing aids, other than hearing aids that are surgically implanted under the skin, to address any of the following types of hearing loss that present with or without tinnitus:
 - (i) sensory hearing loss,
 - (ii) conductive hearing loss, if the client's use of a hearing aid has been cleared by a medical practitioner,
 - (iii) retrocochlear hearing loss, if the client is concurrently managed by an audiologist or an otolaryngologist;
- (b) providing cerumen management, if the person has completed a cerumen management training program that meets the requirements approved by the Board;
- (c) providing hearing aid maintenance and education relating to the services described in clauses (a) and (b);
- (d) engaging in hearing loss prevention, education and advocacy.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1)

- (a) prohibits or restricts audiologists from engaging in any of the services described in subsection (1);
- (b) prohibits or restricts speech-language pathologists from conducting hearing tests to identify hearing loss; or
- (c) permits persons authorized to fit or sell hearing aids under the *Direct Sellers' Regulation Act* to otherwise engage in the practice of audiology or describe their activities as "audiology".

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

22 In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of audiology or speech-language pathology, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:
 - (i) the title of “audiologist” or “speech-language pathologist” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
 - (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 18 may describe their activities as “audiology”;
- (c) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 19 may describe their activities as “speech-language pathology”.

Fines**Professional conduct fine maximum**

23 A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$50 000.

N.S. Reg. 149/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Proclamation, S. 241, S.N.S. 2023, c. 15–S. 198

Order in Council 2025-226 dated July 29, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 241 of the
Regulated Health Professions Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July 11, 2025, pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and subsection 3(7) of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Interpretation Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Section 198 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 5, 2025.

L.S.

Canada
Province of Nova Scotia

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, it is enacted as follows:

241 Sections 178 to 240 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Section 198 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 5, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Section 198 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before September 5, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

N.S. Reg. 150/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Physiotherapy Regulations

Order in Council 2025-227 dated July 29, 2025
Regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July 4, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting physiotherapy, in the form set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after September 5, 2025.

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting Physiotherapy
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13 and 14
of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023,
the *Regulated Health Professions Act***

Interpretation**Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Physiotherapy Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“former Act” is further defined to mean Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1998, the *Physiotherapy Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists” means the college continued under Section 4 of the former Act;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Physiotherapy;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator**Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists continued**

3 The Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists is continued as a regulatory body under the name Nova Scotia Regulator of Physiotherapy with the purpose of regulating the profession of physiotherapy in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Bylaw authorization

4 The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(b), (c), (e), (g), (i), (k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 5** In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 4.

Scope of Practice**Scope of practice of physiotherapy**

- 6 (1)** The scope of practice of physiotherapy is the application of specialized and evidence-based physiotherapy knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2)** The scope of practice of physiotherapy as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) applying physiotherapy knowledge to assess, treat and manage diseases, disorders and conditions;
 - (b) applying physiotherapy knowledge to promote, develop, improve or maintain optimal health and functional performance;
 - (c) applying physiotherapy knowledge to make a physiotherapy diagnosis;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3)** The scope of practice of physiotherapy also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based physiotherapy knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 7** Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
 - (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing**Practising licence categories**

- 8** The following are the practising licence categories for physiotherapy:

- (a) physiotherapist practising licence;
- (b) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

9 The following are the conditional licence categories for physiotherapy:

- (a) physiotherapist conditional licence;
- (b) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

10 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (iii) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
 - (iv) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
 - (v) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,
 - (vi) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
 - (vii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,

- (viii) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
 - (ix) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
 - (x) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (xi) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 11 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (ix),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that limit their ability to practise,
 - (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;

- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for registration in conditional register

12 (1) The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:

- (a) for an existing registrant in a practising register, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
- (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or restrictions,
 - (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise

meets the requirements of subsection 13(1), may be granted conditional registration by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Criteria for conditional licence

- 13 (1)** The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:
- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 11(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,
 - (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2)** The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3)** A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4)** An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1), may be issued a conditional licence by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions**Restriction on practice of physiotherapy**

14 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of physiotherapy or describe their activities as “physiotherapy” or “physical therapy” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a physiotherapist practising licence or a physiotherapist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise physiotherapy, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “physiotherapist” title, description or designation

15 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no person may take or use the title, description or designation of “physiotherapist” or “physical therapist”, the abbreviation “PT” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a physiotherapist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a physiotherapist conditional licence;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a physiotherapist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.
- (2)** A person who meets all of the requirements for registration in the physiotherapist practising register except for passing the registration examinations approved by the Board, and who has been issued a physiotherapist conditional licence pending the passing of the examinations, may use the title “Physiotherapist Resident” or “PT Resident” only.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

16 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(l) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

17 In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits the provision of the following services:

- (a) the practice of physiotherapy by a non-registrant through delegation or assignment of tasks by a registrant, if the practising and delegation or assignment are done in accordance with the

requirements approved by the Board;

- (b) the practice of physiotherapy in the Province by or the recovery of fees or compensation for professional services rendered by a person registered in the profession of physiotherapy in another country, state, territory or province who, once engaged, must accompany and temporarily care for a client during the period of the engagement, if that person does not represent or hold themselves out as a person registered under the Act or these regulations.

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

18 In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of physiotherapy, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:
 - (i) the title of “physiotherapist” or “physical therapist” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
 - (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 14 may describe their activities as “physiotherapy” or “physical therapy”.

Fines

Professional conduct fine maximum

19 A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$50 000.

N.S. Reg. 151/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Proclamation, S. 241, S.N.S. 2023, c. 15—S. 200

Order in Council 2025-228 dated July 29, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 241 of the
Regulated Health Professions Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July 9, 2025, pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and subsection 3(7) of [Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,] the *Interpretation Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Section 200 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before November 1, 2025.

L.S.

**Canada
Province of Nova Scotia**

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, it is enacted as follows:

241 Sections 178 to 240 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Section 200 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before November 1, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Section 200 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before November 1, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

N.S. Reg. 152/2025

Made: July 29, 2025

Filed: July 29, 2025

Respiratory Therapy Regulations

Order in Council 2025-229 dated July 29, 2025
Regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated July

4, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting respiratory therapy, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after November 1, 2025.

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Respiratory Therapy made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

Interpretation

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Respiratory Therapy Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“former Act” is further defined to mean Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2007, the *Respiratory Therapists Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists” means the college continued under Section 3 of the former Act;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Respiratory Therapy;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator

Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists continued

3 The Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists is continued as a regulatory body under the name Nova Scotia Regulator of Respiratory Therapy with the purpose of regulating the profession of respiratory

therapy in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Bylaw authorization

- 4 The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(i), (k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 5 In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 4.

Scope of Practice**Scope of practice of respiratory therapy**

- 6 (1) The scope of practice of respiratory therapy is the application of specialized and evidence-based respiratory therapy knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of respiratory therapy as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing, treating and managing acute and chronic cardiorespiratory health conditions of any client population in any setting;
 - (b) providing anaesthesia assistance in collaboration with other regulated health professionals;
 - (c) promoting cardiorespiratory health and the prevention of illness;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of respiratory therapy also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based respiratory therapy knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 7 Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
 - (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing

Practising licence categories

8 The following are the practising licence categories for respiratory therapy:

- (a) respiratory therapist practising licence;
- (b) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

9 The following are the conditional licence categories for respiratory therapy:

- (a) respiratory therapist conditional licence;
- (b) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

10 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (iii) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
 - (iv) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
 - (v) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,

- (vi) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
 - (vii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,
 - (viii) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
 - (ix) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
 - (x) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (xi) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 11 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (ix),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing

- authority that limit their ability to practise,
- (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for registration in conditional register

- 12 (1) The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:
- (a) for an existing registrant in a practising register, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or restrictions,
 - (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause

- (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection 13(1), may be granted conditional registration by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Criteria for conditional licence

- 13 (1)** The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:
- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 10(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 11(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,
 - (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee

as soon as practicable.

- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1), may be issued a conditional licence by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions

Restriction on practice of respiratory therapy

14 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of respiratory therapy or describe their activities as “respiratory therapy” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a respiratory therapist practising licence or a respiratory therapist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise respiratory therapy, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “respiratory therapist” title, description or designation

15 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no person may take or use the title, description or designation of “respiratory therapist”, the abbreviation “RT” or “RRT” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a respiratory therapist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a respiratory therapist conditional licence;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a respiratory therapist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.
- (2) A person who meets all of the requirements for registration in the respiratory therapist practising register except for passing the registration examinations approved by the Board, and who has been issued a respiratory therapist conditional licence pending the passing of the examinations, may use the title “graduate respiratory therapist” and the abbreviation “graduate RT” only.

Restriction on practice of anaesthesia assistance and use of “anaesthesia assistant” title, description or designation

16 (1) No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of anaesthesia assistance or take or use the title, description or designation of “anaesthesia assistant”, the abbreviation “AA” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person has the approval of the registrar to engage in the practice of anaesthesia assistance.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:

- (a) a registrant who has the approval of their regulatory body to engage in the practice of anaesthesia assistance;

- (b) a person who has the approval of an existing regulator to engage in the practice of anaesthesia assistance.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

17 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(l) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

18 In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits the provision of the following services:

- (a) the practice of respiratory therapy during an interprovincial or international client transfer;
- (b) the practice of respiratory therapy in the Province by or the recovery of fees or compensation for professional services rendered by a person registered in the profession of respiratory therapy in another country, state, territory or province who, once engaged, must accompany and temporarily care for a client during the period of the engagement, if that person does not represent or hold themselves out as a person registered under the Act or these regulations;
- (c) the practice of respiratory therapy by a non-registrant through delegation or assignment of tasks by a registrant, if the practising and delegation is performed in accordance with Section 59 of the General Regulations.

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

19 In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of respiratory therapy, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:
 - (i) the title of “respiratory therapist” or “anaesthesia assistant” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
 - (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 14 may describe their activities as “respiratory therapy”.

Fines**Professional conduct fine maximum**

20 A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$50 000.

Criminal Offences and Withdrawal or Suspension of Privileges**Criminal offence or suspension or withdrawal of privilege of applicant or registrant**

21 In addition to the requirements of Section 61 of the Act and Section 60 of the General Regulations, an applicant or registrant who is charged with, pleads guilty to or is convicted of any offence under the *Food and Drugs Act* (Canada) or its regulations or who has privileges under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) suspended or withdrawn must immediately report the offence, suspension or withdrawal to the registrar.

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Order in Council 2025-230 dated July 29, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Section 4 of

An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture dated June 27, 2025, pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2019, *An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2019, *An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, do come into force on and not before July 29, 2025.

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Canada**Province of Nova Scotia**

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!**A Proclamation**

Whereas in and by Section 4 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2019, *An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, it is enacted as follows:

- 4** Section 1 comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2019, *An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*, do come into force on and not before July 29, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2019, *An Act to Amend Chapter 25*

of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, do come into force on and not before July 29, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 29th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**