

NOTICE OF MEASURE

to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Approved by the **GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

Regulated Occupation Name: Dental Specialists (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist, Periodontist, Orthodontist, Prosthodontist, Endodontist, Dental Specialist in Oral Medicine and/or Oral Pathology, Pediatric Dentist, Public Health Dentist)

Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected: Northwest Territories

Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:

Public security and safety
Protection of human, animal, or plant life or health
Consumer protection

Rationale/Justification:

In 2002, the dental regulators in all Canadian provinces introduced the requirement for individuals wishing to be licensed as a dental specialist to challenge the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) to determine whether they had met the minimum entry-to-practice standards for their specific profession. In the Northwest Territories, this requirement did not come into effect until 2013.

Prior to 2013, individuals who were unsuccessful in passing the NDSE, and therefore deemed to have not met the minimum requirements for registration as a dental specialist in Canadian provinces, could be licensed as a dental specialist in the Northwest Territories.

The public expects that dental specialists possess a higher level of expertise and greater depth of knowledge in their area of practice than general dentists. Licensed dental specialists are afforded a much broader scope of practice within their specialty which allows them to provide more invasive and higher risk care, often on medically compromised patients.

Individuals who were licensed in the Northwest Territories prior to 2013 and who have not obtained an NDSE certificate in their specialty require assessment to determine their competence in all domains of their specialty.

Additional Requirement(s):

A dental specialist who was licensed in the Northwest Territories prior to 2013 and who has not obtained an NDSE certificate in their specialty will be individually assessed to determine if they possess the knowledge, skills and abilities equivalent to the requirements for registration in their specialty in Nova Scotia.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

Indefinitely for dental specialists as described above.

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