



# *PEI College of Occupational Therapists Newsletter*



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### **College Council**

The current registrar for the PEI College of Occupational Therapists will be retiring effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The posting for this role will be placed on the PEICOT website and the link circulated via email. The plan is to have both an overlap and ongoing mentoring for the successful applicant.

### **Fees**

**Registration Fees** will not be increased for the fiscal year 2022-2023, however, there is an increase in both the “Late Fee” and the “Reinstatement Fee” to \$150 and \$250 respectively. These fees are in alignment with colleagues within the province and across Canada.

### **College Policies/Standards**

The “**Requirements for Renewal of Registration Certificate of Registration Policy**” was revised and approved February 2, 2022. The following changes and explanation are highlighted for your information:

- a) The annual Renewal Period will be February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. This provides 16 days to process renewals and provide Letters of Registration, cards and seals prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. A late fee will be automatically applied after midnight on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b) There are three possible “expiration dates” for your “Certificate of Registration”:
  - a. Annual –
    - i. Midnight March 31<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year,
    - ii. Malpractice Insurance expiration date (i.e. Oct 1 - these vary depending on the insurer and when the registrant purchased the insurance), and
  - b. Every five (5) years -
    - i. Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check (CRVSC) must be updated every 5 years following initial submission of CRVSC.

- c) Registrants going on maternity leave can either i) maintain registration & return to practice at any time during the year or ii) contact the registrar with the effective leave dates and pay a prorated fee for the portion(s) of the fiscal year(s) in which they are practicing.
- d) Reinstatement of a Certificate of registration will require: completing a **new** application form, providing a **new** criminal record and vulnerable sector check, submitting updated liability insurance and the following fees - reinstatement fee + application fee + registration fee/prorated registration fee. Transcripts, identification documents, and NOTCE results will not need to be resubmitted.

The changes were made after consulting with regulatory colleagues across the country and within the province; the revised policy can be found on the PEICOT website.

The "**Annual Schedule of Fees**" was updated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and approved on February 2, 2022.

### **Virtual Practice**

Unfortunately, PEICOT will not be able to sign off on the ACOTRO Memorandum of Understanding regarding virtual practice which allows registrants in province "A" to carry out virtual practice with clients in other province(s).

The PEI Regulated Health Professionals Act requires any professional that carries out practice either in-person or virtually to be registered with the PEI professional college. Bottom line - in order to carry out virtual practice with PEI clients, occupational therapists are required to be registered with PEICOT. There are interim guidelines on the PEICOT website to assist OTs with the use of virtual practice for delivering OT services.

### **PEI Statistics**

As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 there are 90 registrants with the College.

Just a reminder to update your information on the database as soon as there is a change to either your personal (marital status, contact information, etc.), or employment (title if employer, type of employment, hours of employment, etc.) details.

### **Other News**

#### **a) Renewal Dates**

The time frame to renew your certificate of registration for the 2022-2023 year is:  
*February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

#### **b) Mandatory Education Module**

There is no new mandatory education module for this renewal.

There will be a national elearning module on the "Competencies for Occupational Therapists in Canada", the new competency document for the profession. The timeline for completion of this module will be likely be October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Collaboration has started on a new learning module for occupational therapists in Atlantic Canada on "Conflict of Interest" and it will likely become the mandatory module required before renewal March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

You will receive an email with a link to access the modules. Proof of completion is uploading of the certificate to the database. The dates will be confirmed when the modules become available.