

CP-7 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)

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Background

As per section 9 of the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation, an applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register or on the courtesy register is required to provide evidence of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification at a level required by the Council.

CPR certification is a mandatory requirement of the College's Continuing Competence Program. In accordance with the Continuing Competence Standard of Practice, failing to comply with this policy may result in a registrant's application for renewal of a practice permit being denied.

Evidence of CPR will not be required of individuals on the non-practicing register.

Policy

Council requires that registrants with a valid practice permit must complete and maintain current CPR certification for health care providers. CPR certification training must include:

- a) theory instruction and assessment; and
- b) hands-on, in person component for skills practice and evaluation.

Courses delivered in an online-only format are not in compliance with this policy.

Certification must include, at a minimum, the following competencies:

- i. one- and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children, and infants;
- ii. one- and two-person rescuer adult, child, and infant bag-valve mask technique;
- iii. rescue breathing for adults, children and infants;
- iv. relief of choking in adults, children, and infants; and
- v. use of an automated external defibrillator.

The course must be delivered in accordance with the recommendations of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR). Basic Life Support and/or Health Care Provider level courses generally meet these requirements. Exceptions to the ILCOR requirement must be approved by the College.

The College maintains the ability to seek additional verification of competencies (e.g., instructor verification form) if deemed necessary.



Currency of certification

Registrants are required to hold current certification at all times. There must be no lapse in CPR certification.

Indicators

- First-time practice permit applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their registration application.
- Practice permit reinstatement or transfer applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their reinstatement or transfer application.
- Practice permit renewal applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their renewal application.
- To maintain CPR certification, the course must be completed within one year of the previous course issue date, regardless of the expiration date.

Evidence

Registrants are required to ensure a copy of their current CPR certification is provided in the format required by the College. Only official certificates are accepted. This certificate should include:

- Registrant's name
- Name and contact information of issuing organization
- Name of course completed
- Issue or completion date of certification
- Expiration date of certification
- Signature of authorized CPR instructor, where applicable.

Temporary or interim cards/certificates are only valid for the time-period indicated by the issuing organization and must be replaced with the official certificate.

For any CPR course taken outside of Canada, a completed Instructor Declaration form must be submitted to the College in addition to the official CPR certificate.