



College of Homeopaths of Ontario Registration Policy Manual

Title:	Quality Assurance Referral
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Note to Readers: In the event of any inconsistency between this document and the legislation that affects homeopathy practice, the legislation governs. The College has the power and authority to implement the applicable acts and regulations under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. The factors outlined in this policy will be considered and every application will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If you have a question on how this policy affects your individual situation please contact the College directly.

It is important to note that College publications may be used by the College or other bodies in determining the interpretation of the provisions within the Homeopathy Act, 2007, its regulations and the College's Bylaws.

Applicable Categories of Registration (unless otherwise noted):

1. Registrant Full Certificate of Registration
2. Registrant Grandparented Certificate of Registration

Type of Requirement: Term, Condition and Limitation for Registrants

Applicable CHO Registration Regulation: 7 (3), 10 (3)

Policy

In accordance with the Registration Regulation the Registrar may determine that a Full or Grandparented Class of Registrant be referred to the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) if the Registrant does not practice the profession for a minimum of 750 hours during every three-year period and/or fails to provide alternative evidence of currency (e.g., refresher program) or alternative safeguards (e.g., undertaking to the Registrar).

Purpose and Principles(s)

The requirement to practice the profession for a minimum of 750 hours over a three (3) year period has been set as a minimum requirement to maintain a Registrant's currency and ability to practice homeopathy in a safe and competent manner. Maintaining fewer hours may impact the Registrant's ability to practice effectively. When this occurs a referral to QAC may be made.

While there are always exceptional circumstances or unique cases, the Registrar will normally refer a Registrant to the QAC unless the Registrant has successfully completed a refresher course or agrees to certain conditions (e.g. complete professional development courses, refrain from practising without supervision, etc.).

In considering a referral to the Quality Assurance Committee the Registrar may use a variety of tools and processes to determine if the failure to meet the minimum practice requirement impacts the Registrant's ability to practice the profession in a safe and competent manner.

If the registrant is referred to the QAC, and if it is determined there is a disparity in the Registrant's knowledge, skills or judgment, the QAC may provide guidance and direction to the registrant, in a non-punitive manner, to address such gaps. The QAC may require the Registrant to undertake specific tasks and/or may communicate directly with the Registrant to develop a plan to address any gaps or deficiencies. Further, the QAC can avail itself of the additional orders as set out in s. 80.2 of the Code.

Related Policies, Standards, Guidelines and Regulations

Homeopathy Act, 2007, Ontario Regulation 18/14 Registration [Note: This regulation is not yet in force. It comes into force on the day named by proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor.]

Terms, etc., Full class

7. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are terms, conditions and limitations on every Full certificate of registration:

1. The member shall practise the profession a minimum of 750 hours during every three-year period, with the first three-year period beginning on the day that the member is issued a Full certificate of registration, and each subsequent three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the commencement of the previous period.

(3) If a member fails to meet the condition described in paragraph 1 of subsection (1), the Registrar shall refer the member to the Quality Assurance Committee for a peer and practice assessment unless the member,

(a) has successfully completed a refresher program approved by the Registration Committee;

(b) has given the College a written undertaking that is acceptable to the Registrar and with which the member is in compliance; or

(c) has resigned his or her Full certificate of registration and applied for and received an Inactive certificate of registration.

Terms, etc., Grandparented class

10. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are terms, conditions and limitations on every Grandparented certificate of registration:

3. The member shall practise the profession a minimum of 750 hours during every three-year period, with the first three-year period beginning on the day that the member is issued a Grandparented certificate of registration, and each subsequent three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the commencement of the previous period.

(3) If a member fails to meet the condition described in paragraph 3 of subsection (1), the Registrar shall refer the member to the Quality Assurance Committee for a peer and practice assessment unless the member,

(a) has successfully completed a refresher program approved by the Registration Committee;

(b) has given the College a written undertaking that is acceptable to the Registrar and with which the member is in compliance; or

(c) has resigned his or her Grandparented certificate of registration and applied for and received an Inactive certificate of registration.

Homeopathy Act, 2007, Ontario Regulation 32/13 Quality Assurance Program [Note: This regulation is not yet in force. It comes into force on the day named by proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor.]

Health Professions Procedural Code, Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, Schedule 2
Powers of the Committee

80.2 (1) The Quality Assurance Committee may do only one or more of the following:

1. Require individual members whose knowledge, skill and judgment have been assessed under section 82 and found to be unsatisfactory to participate in specified continuing education or remediation programs.
2. Direct the Registrar to impose terms, conditions or limitations for a specified period to be determined by the Committee on the certificate of registration of a member,
 - i. whose knowledge, skill and judgment have been assessed or reassessed under section 82 and have been found to be unsatisfactory, or
 - ii. who has been directed to participate in specified continuing education or remediation programs as required by the Committee under paragraph 1 and has not completed those programs successfully.
3. Direct the Registrar to remove terms, conditions or limitations before the end of the specified period, if the Committee is satisfied that the member's knowledge, skill and judgment are now satisfactory.
4. Disclose the name of the member and allegations against the member to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee if the Quality Assurance Committee is of the opinion that the member may have committed an act of professional misconduct, or may be incompetent or incapacitated. 2007, c. 10, Sched. M, s. 58.

Notice

(2) No direction shall be given to the Registrar under paragraph 2 of subsection (1) unless the member has been given notice of the Quality Assurance Committee's intention to give direction, and at least 14 days to make written submissions to the Committee. 2007, c. 10, Sched. M, s. 58.