

WAIVER POLICY – STANDARDS

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the circumstances in which College standards may be waived.

Scope

This policy applies to all midwives who wish to apply for a waiver of standards.

Definitions

“Code” means the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) as amended from time to time.

“exceptional circumstances” means conditions beyond one’s control that justify waiving College standards.

Policy Statement

College standards may be waived in exceptional circumstances.

A midwife seeking a waiver of standards must demonstrate to the College that there are exceptional circumstances related to their practice that warrant a departure from the current standards. Every application will be considered on its individual merits.

In all cases an applicant must satisfy the College that the following apply:

1. The waiver will support the public interest which the standards are designed to safeguard
2. A public benefit will be gained by a departure from the standards, and
3. Granting a waiver will not give rise to a risk of harm to the:
 - a. clients’ interests
 - b. regulatory objectives set out in [section 3 \(1\) of the Code](#), and
 - c. College’s [regulatory outcomes](#)

References (legislative and other)

1. Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, s. 3(1)
2. Regulatory Outcomes, Strategic Framework 2017-2020, College of Midwives of Ontario

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