

TRANSITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Purpose

To clearly define what a Transitional Certificate of Registration permits.

Scope

This policy applies to all departments and administrative offices of the CMO, to all CMO officers, to Council and committee members and employees, and to registration applicants.

Policy Statement

A Transitional Certificate will allow individuals who meet the registration requirements of the College, but who are awaiting the results of the midwifery qualifying examination, to practise midwifery while under the supervision of a member who holds a general certificate of registration.

A Transitional Certificate **permits** the holder of the certificate to do the following:

- Hold clinic independently, however, a supervising midwife who is a general registrant must be on the premises and must review and sign the chart before the client leaves the clinic in order to intervene if needed.
- Carry out home prenatal visits prior to the arrival of a supervising midwife who is a general registrant. The supervising midwife must review and sign the chart at the client's home on the same day as the visit.
- Assess the presence/status of labour when accompanied by a supervising midwife who is a general registrant
- Act as one of two midwives at birth; supervision must be provided by the other midwife who is a general registrant. The general registrant must be onsite and take full responsibility for clinical care through labour, birth and the immediate postpartum period
- Carry out three home postpartum visits without a supervising midwife on site, provided that the visit is not the first visit after the birth, or the final discharge visit. These unaccompanied visits must be reported promptly to a supervising midwife who is a general registrant before and after the visits by the Transitional Certificate holder.
- Contact a supervising midwife who is a general registrant immediately after each phone call or page from a client.

A Transitional Certificate **does not permit** the holder of the certificate to do the following:

- Order lab or diagnostic tests, or
- Write prescriptions

Members holding a Transitional Certificate will be required to sign an Acknowledgement & Undertaking not to order lab or diagnostic tests or to write prescriptions.

Relevant Transitional Certificate Information:

- Births completed pursuant to a Transitional Certificate can be counted towards meeting the New Registrants Clinical Requirements. The Transitional Certificate holder should keep records of these births in support of those requirements.
- A new registration number will be issued by the College once the holder is issued in a General or Supervised Certificate
- The initial registration date with the College is the date the Transitional Certificate is issued if the member is issued a General or Supervised Certificate immediately prior to the revocation of the Transitional Certificate
- A Transitional Certificate of registration is revoked on the earliest of the date on which any of the following events occurs:
 1. A General or Supervised certificate of registration is issued
 2. The College notifies the registrant that he or she has failed to successfully pass the midwifery qualifying examination
 3. Ninety days have passed since the issuance of the transitional certificate of registration O.Reg. 168/11, s. 17(3)
- Once the registrant is notified that he or she has passed the midwifery qualifying examination, a General or Supervised (depending on the circumstances) certificate will be issued within a few days and the Transitional Certificate will automatically be revoked and stakeholders will be notified.
- Please note that the General Certificate that would be issued after a Transitional Certificate holder successfully passes the qualifying examination would be a General certificate subject to the requirements of working within an established practice for one year and attending, with a general registrant, 30 births as a primary midwife and 30 births as a second midwife. O.Reg. 168/11 s. 12(1)4

References (legislative and other)

- The *Health Professionals Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* as amended from time to time
- Registration Regulation made under the *Midwifery Act, 1991*
- The CMO by-laws, Articles 14 and 15

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