

## Section 7:

PCE exam – extraordinary bylaw change

Policy 7.11

Title: Alternative to Physiotherapy Competency Examination Clinical Component (PCE CC)

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**Background:** Council supports the PCE CC exam as part of the Certification process for physiotherapy licensure. However, the COVID pandemic closed down exam sites, universities, hotels and air and cross border travel. The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) has developed significant expertise in running face to face clinical examinations. In an effort to continue the process, CAPR partnered with software experts to transition to virtual exams, but was twice unsuccessful. On September 14 CAPR announced the cancellation of the virtual clinical exam. Individuals scheduled for a PCE CC, completed an extended Mentorship as an alternative and evaluations were reviewed by the NLCP Registration Committee. Registrants who met these requirements were invited to apply for licensing following April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 publication of Regulation change. Criteria were revised to move forward with new physiotherapy graduates/applicants after January 1, 2022.

**Policy:** In the event that the Physiotherapy Competency Examination clinical portion is not able to be administered as a result of extenuating circumstances beyond the applicant's control, the applicant may be eligible for Active registration once clinical competency is demonstrated in a manner approved by Council.

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### **Procedure/Criteria:**

1. Successfully completes PCE (Written component) WR and sends confirmation of same to Registrar.
2. Applies in NL as Conditional Registrant (CR)
3. Obtains Mentor and completes Conditional Registration forms; the Mentor must be in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.
4. Mentorship evaluations are submitted to the Registrar and reviewed by Registration Committee. The Registration Committee confirms the CR achieved all goals.
5. The CR successfully completes the Jurisprudence Exam. The Jurisprudence exam is an online exam focusing on ethics, professionalism and legislation.
6. There were no concerns, incidents or complaint during Mentorship period.
8. Minimal duration of Mentorship: 6 months

9. Should a CAPR exam be reinstated mid way through a Mentorship period, the alternative pathway to licensure will be completed as agreed. The PCE CC will be required for the next group

Reference: Bylaw change, Regulation change April 1, 2022, see: Extraordinary regulation Gazette April 19, 2022.

CAPR website.