



DRAFT PROPOSED NSCN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Currency of Practice

Proposed change noted in bold

31.1 Pursuant to subsection 20(1)(b)(iv) of the Nursing Act, an applicant for licensure as an LPN, **RPN**, RN or NP must provide proof satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer that the applicant meets one or more of the following currency of practice requirements:

31.1.1 licensure as a nurse in another jurisdiction in or outside of Canada as approved by the Chief Executive Officer;

31.1.2 nursing practice that meets the criteria established by Board resolution;

31.1.3 satisfaction of all requirements subsection 18(1)(c)(i) of the Nursing Act within a period of time established by Board resolution;

31.1.4 Successful completion of one of the following within a period of time established by Board by resolution:

31.1.4.1 a re-entry program;

31.1.4.2 bridging education; or

31.1.4.3 such other education as determined to be appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer;

31.1.5 Successful completion of a competence assessment within a period of time established by Board resolution;

31.1.6 Such other requirement consistent with the objects of the Act as established by Board resolution.

Regulatory Committees

Proposed new By-law

The requirements of by-laws 17.2, 17.5, 17.6, 17.8, 17.11, 17.12, 17.14, 17.15, 17.17, 17.20 and 17.21 with respect to the designation(s) required to be members of a committee or panel do not apply to a designation that has 50 or fewer registrants.

Regulatory Documents

Proposed new By-law

The Standards of Practice for Registered Psychiatric Nurses is the Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice (2019) developed by BCCNP, CRNPA, CRPNM and RPNAS and adapted by NSCN, and the 2024 Sexual Misconduct Standard of Practice for Registrants developed by the Nova Scotia College of Nursing.

The code of ethics for Registered Psychiatric Nurses is the 2025 Code of Ethics for Registered Psychiatric Nurses developed by the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Saskatchewan and adapted by NSCN.

The entry level competencies for Registered Psychiatric Nurses is the 2014 Entry-Level Competencies for the Practice of Registered Psychiatric Nurses developed by Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada.

Effective January 5, 2026: The entry-level competencies for Registered Psychiatric Nurses is the 2026 Entry-Level Competencies for the Practice of Registered Psychiatric Nurses developed by Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada.