

Policy Title: Currency Hours Requirement Applies to: Physical Therapy	Replaces former policy:☑Title: CPTBC 05 Practice Hours Requirement Policy□N/A		
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Policy Statement:

Assessment of number of currency hours

Currency hours for Registrants of the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy ("Registrants") are assessed consistently, with the primary source of information being Registrants' self-reporting of practice hours per registration year.

Errors in reporting

When Registrants identify errors in their recorded practice hours, they may submit corrections for the previous registration year only. Practice hours reported as "zero" on application or reinstatement forms will not be corrected.

Insufficient currency hours

Registrants who have insufficient currency hours may select one of the following pathways to re-enter practice:

- Successful completion of the Alternate Clinical Evaluation BC
- Successful completion of the Physio Refresh practical program

1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

Recent completion of an approved education program and recent hours of practice within the scope of practice of a health-care professional are both indicators that an Applicant or Registrant has the knowledge, skills and attitudes to provide safe, effective and ethical care.



Schedule 6, 3.1.6 of the CHCPBC Bylaws requires that an Applicant to the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy in the registration class of Full (an "Applicant") has completed 1,200 practice hours in the five-year period immediately preceding the date of their application, unless they have completed an entry-level examination set out in Schedule 6, Table 2, 1.0 of the CHCPBC Bylaws within that five-year period.

Schedule 6, 8.1.4.2 of the CHCPBC Bylaws requires that a Registrant has completed 1,200 practice hours of Physical Therapy in the five-year period immediately preceding the date of their registration renewal.

This policy provides additional guidelines for Registrants as to how the currency hours requirement can be met and how deficiencies are managed.

2. Policy Scope:

This policy applies to:

- Applicants to the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy.
- Registrants of the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy in the registration class of Full who are planning to renew their registration.
- Former Registrants of the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy who are applying for reinstatement after a period of up to five years unlicensed.

This policy does *not* apply to individuals — Applicants, Full Registrants renewing their registration, or former Registrants applying for reinstatement — who have completed the Physiotherapy Competency Examination: Clinical Component or another entry-to-practice or re-entry requirement within the last five years.

3. Legal Authority:

• CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 6, 3.1.6 and 8.1.4.2

4. Key Partnerships:

• UBC Department of Physical Therapy

5. Definitions:

Practice hours – Paid and professional activity hours spent in Physical Therapy practice or on other activities resulting from possessing Physiotherapy or Physical Therapy credentials and experience, which may include clinical practice, research, administration, teaching or academic positions, and consulting



6. Process Check:

- 🗵 Board Policy Framework
- □ Safe Spaces Playbook
- \Box Other:

7. Resources/References:

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