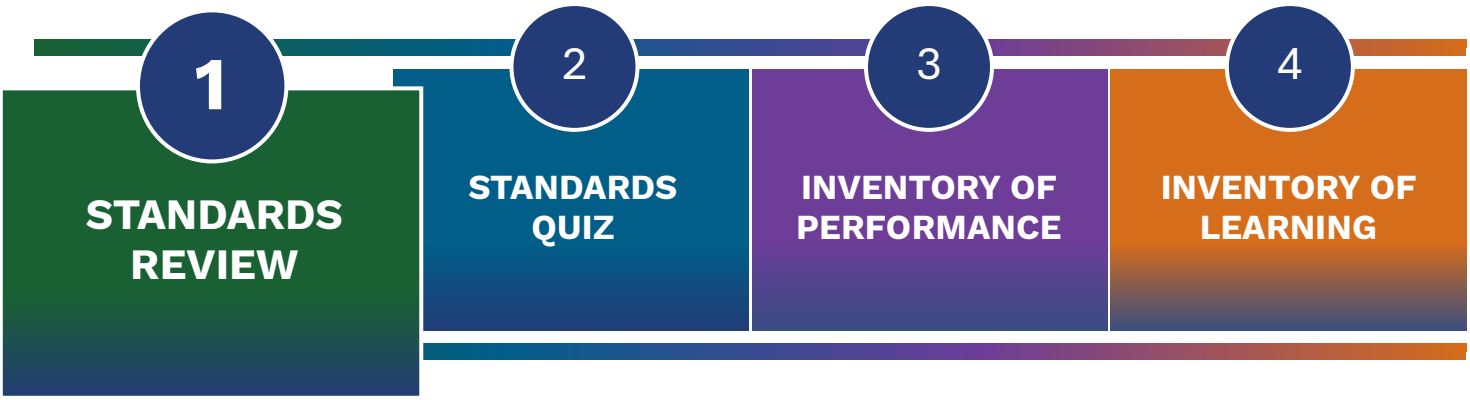
PQPP Backgrounder

The Professional and Quality Practice Program (PQPP) is the College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia (CHCPBC) quality assurance program under the Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA) that came into force in April 2026.

The PQPP includes four Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Annual Touchpoints. A PQPP Backgrounder is available for each activity, providing details to help you better understand what is involved and required, and how to prepare to get the most out of completing it. This Backgrounder is for the Standards Review.



What is the Standards Review?

The Standards Review is a CPD annual touchpoint that licensees must complete each fall, on their own or with others.

The Standards Review is designed to guide reflection on how the standards apply and may be implemented in your practice. It is not a learning module that walks you through a standard's content. Rather it asks you to read the standard and consider how it is implemented (or not) in your practice. The Standards Review also asks you to consider what obstacles and barriers may be present in your practice that challenge your ability to meet the requirements.

Completing the Standards Review will help prepare you for the second annual touchpoint: the Standards Quiz. The case scenarios in the Standards Quiz were written by licensees and are based on realistic practice situations. The more you consider how to apply the standards to practice, the more prepared you will be to complete the Standards Quiz.

Does the Standards Review cover all the standards?

No. In 2026, the Standards Review focuses on the following three standards:

- Communications
- Consent
- Discontinuing Health Services and Ensuring Continuity of Care

The Standards Review also offers an opportunity for licensees to reflect on how each standard supports them "to protect the public from harm and discrimination" and "to take anti-discrimination measures" found in Section 72 of the Health Professions and Occupations Act that came into force on April 1, 2026.

For more information on the standards, you may wish to review the Introduction within the standards document, or the Ethics and Practice Standards page on the CHCPBC website.

Is the Standards Review scored?

No, it is a downloadable PDF that you can complete on your own or with others. It is for your personal use, and the college does not review your answers.

How long will it take to complete the Standards Review?

Reflection on each standard should take 10-15 minutes.

PQPP Tip

As you complete the Standards Review tool, consider if or how it can inform your future plans for continuing professional development.