College of
HEALTH AND CARE
PROFESSIONALS OF BC

Draft Bylaws Amendments Overview

In accordance with the Bylaws Consultation Policy, under CHCPBC Bylaws s. 2.45, the College is proceeding to bylaw amendments for Parts 6-7-8 and Schedule 8.

The following presents an overview of the proposed amendments and the rationale for these changes, if applicable.

Part 6 – Licensure

- Embedding in bylaws the existing requirement of completing additional supervised practice time for master's-level psychologists registered in Alberta and applying to CHCPBC through labour mobility.

The Eligibility Standard for full licensure in psychology is a Recognized Program conferring a doctorate degree in psychology. Alberta master's-level registrants are required to complete additional supervised practice to acquire substantial equivalence to the Eligibility Standard. The requirement was agreed upon by the legacy psychology college, the Ministry of Health, and the Labour Mobility branch in 2019 and has been applied since then. This bylaw amendment now better clarifies the requirements and process for applicants.

- Clarifying the process for equivalency determination if a profession is assessed by an Education Evaluation Organization (occupational therapy, opticianry, optometry, and physical therapy) or by an Education Verification Organization and an internal assessment process (audiology, dietetics, hearing instrument dispensing, psychology, and speech-language pathology).

Part 7 – Certified Practice

- Removing certification 7.23(b) for speech-language pathologists.

Performing tracheostomy management without a speaking valve is not tied to a restricted activity under the Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation. Only certain restricted activities require certification in the Health and Care Professionals Regulation. The College's new certification framework establishes certification to regulate only restricted activities that require a licensee to be certified. Other activities that may carry a certain degree of risk and are not entry-level are overseen through the Ethics and Practice Standards.

- Removing transition provisions for physical therapy and occupational therapy.

These provisions were only applicable until June 30, 2026, and no longer needs to be in bylaws.

Part 8 – Permit

- Clarifying requirements for professional liability insurance scenarios for Health Profession Corporations (HPC). The required amount is not changing.
- Streamlining HPC name approval and granting more authority to the Registrar (currently at the Permit Committee level). Requirements for HPC names are not changing.

Changes are consistent with the other Colleges' approaches, the risk regulated, and oversight provided under the former *Health Professions Act*.

Schedule 4 – Education Evaluation Organizations and Verification Organizations

Distinguishing more clearly the difference between two types of organizations:

a. Education Evaluation Organizations, which are national organizations and evaluate applicants' education for four professions the College regulates; and
b. Verification Organizations, which are designated by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to assess the validity and degree-equivalence of education credentials, for the purposes of education equivalence determination.

Schedule 8 – Equivalency Determination Process and Criteria

Adding criteria for full licensure in psychology for master's-level psychologists registered in Alberta and applying to CHCPBC through labor mobility as explained in Part 6.

To read the complete draft bylaws and provide feedback, please follow instructions on the website here: https://chcpbc.org/legislation/#proposedbylawamendments

The amendments will be available for feedback until September 23, 2026, at 23:59 p.m. PST (50 days).