



Policy Name	CP-7 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)
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Background

As per section 9 of the *Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation*, an applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register or on the courtesy register is required to provide evidence of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification at a level required by the Council.

As per section 11(b) of the *Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation*, a regulated member on the general register applying for renewal of a practice permit must provide evidence of holding a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate at the level required by the Council.

Evidence of CPR will not be required of registrants on the non-practicing register.

Policy

Council requires that regulated members with a valid practice permit must complete and maintain current CPR certification for health care providers. CPR certification training must include:

- a) theory instruction and assessment; and
- b) hands-on component for skills practice and evaluation.

Certification must include, at a minimum, the following competencies:

- i. one- and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children, and infants;
- ii. one- and two-person rescuer adult, child, and infant bag-valve mask technique;
- iii. rescue breathing for adults, children and infants;
- iv. relief of choking in adults, children, and infants; and
- v. use of an automated external defibrillator.

The course must be delivered in accordance with the recommendations of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR). Basic Life Support and/or Health Care Provider level courses generally meet these requirements. Exceptions to the ILCOR requirement must be approved by the College.

The College maintains the ability to seek additional verification of competencies (e.g., instructor verification form) if deemed necessary.

Currency of certification

Registrants are required to hold current certification at all times. There must be no lapse in CPR certification.



Indicators:

- First-time practice permit applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their registration application.
- Practice permit reinstatement or transfer applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their reinstatement or transfer application.
- Practice permit renewal applicants must provide verification of CPR certification with their renewal application.
- To maintain CPR certification, the course must be completed within one year of the previous course **issue date**, regardless of the expiration date.

Evidence

Registrants are required to ensure a copy of their current CPR certification is provided in the format required by the College. This certificate should include:

- Registrant's name
- Name of issuing organization
- Name of course completed
- Issue or completion date of certification
- Expiration date of certification
- Signature of authorized CPR instructor, where applicable.