

The Midwifery Act

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES —
MIDWIFERY REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Title

1 These Bylaws may be referred to as *The Midwifery Regulatory Amendment Bylaws, 2014*.

Regulatory Bylaws amended

2 *The Midwifery Regulatory Bylaws* are amended in the manner set out in these Bylaws.

Section 3 amended

3 **Subsection 3(3) is repealed.**

Section 5 is amended

4(1) **Subsection 5(2) is amended by striking out “Members” where it appears for the first time and substituting “Persons”.**

4(2) **Subsection 5(3) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“5(3) It is the responsibility of the presiding officer to ensure that a person identifying a conflict of interest leaves the meeting during consideration of the pertinent issue and that the secretary of the meeting records the departure of the person in the minutes”.

Section 7 amended

5 **Clauses 7(c) and (d) are repealed and the following substituted:**

(c) evidence satisfactory to the council of the applicant’s good character and, where applicable, good professional record, including a criminal record check;

(d) in the case of a practising member:

(i) proof of liability insurance as required by section 18; and

(ii) proof of current certification in neonatal resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a program that is recognized by the council”.

Section 8 amended

6 **Subsection 8(2) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“8(2) The Canadian Midwifery Registration Examination (CMRE) is the examination set out for the purposes of clause 20(1)(b) of the Act”.

Section 9 amended

7 **Subsection 9(1) is repealed and the following substituted:**

“9(1) Full practising membership and initial licensure in the college is available to an applicant who:

(a) meets the requirements of subclause 20(1)(a)(i) or (ii) and clauses 20(1)(b) to (d) of the Act and section 7 of these bylaws and:

(i) has clinical experience consisting of attendance at a minimum of 60 births, at least 30 of them as primary midwife; and

(ii) has conducted at least 75 prenatal examinations, and at least 50 postnatal examinations and has provided continuity of care to at least 10 women and has conducted at least 50 examinations of newborn babies; or

(b) meets the requirements of subclause 20(1)(a)(iii) and clauses 20(1)(b) to (d) of the Act and section 7 of these bylaws”.

Section 15 amended**8 Subsections 15(2) and (3) are repealed.****New sections 15.1 and 15.2****9 The following sections are added after section 15:****“Renewal of full practising licence**

15.1(1) Renewal of a full practising licence is available to a full practising member who, during the preceding three years:

- (a) has clinical experience consisting of attendance at a minimum of 25 births as primary midwife, at least five of which took place in a hospital and at least five of which took place outside of a hospital;
- (b) has provided continuity of care to at least 15 women and has conducted at least 25 initial examinations and 25 discharge examinations of newborn babies; and
- (c) completes the continuing competence requirements in accordance with section 15.4.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a full practising member who does not meet all of the requirements of that subsection may obtain a licence to practice by submitting an explanation of the reasons why the member does not meet the requirements and a proposed plan, acceptable to the council, for meeting the requirements within the next calendar year.

(3) The council shall review any proposed plan submitted pursuant to subsection (2) and may approve the plan subject to any revisions, terms or conditions that the council thinks appropriate in order to uphold the duties and attain the objects of the college as set out in section 3.1 of the Act.

“Renewal of restricted practising licence

15.2 Renewal of a restricted practising licence is available to:

- (a) a restricted member who has engaged in the active practice of midwifery within the preceding five years;
- (b) a student member who is currently enrolled in a midwifery education program referred to in subsection 20(1) of the Act.

“Licence suspension where member ineligible

15.3 The registrar may immediately suspend the licence of a member where the registrar determines that the member was not eligible for the licence when it was obtained, and the registrar shall refer the issue to the Professional Conduct Committee as a complaint.

“Continuing competence requirements

15.4 Each member shall complete and document, in a form acceptable to council:

- (a) on an annual basis:
 - (i) at least three peer case review sessions;
 - (ii) a process of reflective practice assessment; and
 - (iii) the distribution of quality of care evaluation forms, as provided by the college, to every woman in her care; and
- (b) during the preceding three years, at least 60 hours of professional development or continuing education activities recognized by the council, at least half of which hours are directly related to the performance of authorized practices”.

Coming into force

In accordance with subsection 13(4) of *The Midwifery Act*, these Bylaws come into force when they are approved by the Minister and published in the Gazette.

I hereby certify this to be a certified and true copy of *The Midwifery Regulatory Bylaws* pursuant as approved at the meeting of the Transitional Council of the Saskatchewan College of Midwives on April 22, 2014.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Cheryl Olson, Executive Director/Registrar,
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Date: July 10, 2014.

APPROVED BY:

Honourable Dustin Duncan,
Minister of Health.

Date: September 4, 2014.