



TEMPORARY LICENSE

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POLICY

As per NSCMIRTP Regulations (Section 4) the College issues three categories of temporary licenses.

1. Temporary without restrictions
2. Temporary with restrictions
3. Temporary new graduates

Definitions: As per NSCMIRTP Act

(zzi) "temporary licence" means a temporary licence issued pursuant to this Act;

(zzj) "temporary licence (graduate)" means a temporary licence (graduate) issued pursuant to the regulations

Other definitions

"Direct Supervision" The supervising technologist/therapist must always be in the room with the candidate. Decisions or procedures/tasks performed must be done through direct supervision.

RATIONALE

As per section 16 of the NSCMIRTP Act the College recognizes situations where an individual may not meet all requirements for a full active licence, but the public interest is best served by issuing a temporary licence. These situations must balance the issuing of a license with any added risk related to the practice of these individuals. To mitigate these risks conditions are imposed as outlined for each class.




PROCEDURE

Each applicant must submit a completed application for consideration of a temporary license. In the event they do not meet requirements for full licensure or are requesting a temporary license for a short-term assignment (position of 4 months or less) a temporary license can be issued if required criteria are met.

- Temporary Licence without restrictions can be granted in the following situations
 - a. Short-term assignment- Applicants can be granted a temporary licence without restrictions if the applicant meets all standard licensing requirements but is seeking to practice in a short-term position. Position cannot exceed 4 months and licensing fees are reduced to 50% of the annual rate. If an extension of the license is requested full licensing fees for the year will apply and license will flip to a full active license.
 - b. Emergency Licensing- Applicants may be granted a temporary licence during a state of emergency. Applicants may have some standard criteria for licensing waived at the discretion of the board at the time of the state of emergency and conditions may or may not be attached. Licenses will initially be approved for a 6-month term. Extensions can be made at the discretion of the board with the extension of the state of emergency.

- Temporary with restrictions – Applicants may be issued a temporary licence with restrictions if an applicant does not meet all licensing requirements, but it is consistent with the objects of the College to issue the license. Conditions are linked to the licence to ensure risks associated with the applicants’ practice are mitigated or eliminated. Initially the temporary license is issued for 6-months.
 - a. Nova Scotia Refresher Program Candidates – These applicants will fall under this class of licensing. To be eligible for this temporary licensing they will need to:
 - i. have previously successfully challenged the national entry to practice exam and
 - ii. successfully completed the academic portion of the refresher program within the past 12 months.
 - iii. agree to public condition of requiring direct supervision of practice by a licensed MIRTP of the same discipline, who is in good standing with the College. All, work must be counter signed.
 - iv. agree to not use the MIRTP protected titles
 - b. International Applicant Awaiting Entry to Practice Exam – This would include any international applicant that had undergone education, currency and credential assessment and was found to have substantive similarity to the Canadian competency profile and national standards and has registered to write the next sitting of the national entry to practice exam.

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- i. Public condition of requiring direct supervision of practice at all times by a licensed MIRTP of the same discipline who is in good standing with the College. All work must be counter signed.
 - ii. Protected MIRTP titles cannot be used.
 - Temporary new graduates. An applicant for a temporary licence (graduate) must follow the standard registration process with the following differences:
 - a. the applicant must have completed an approved education program in the relevant discipline but have not passed the relevant registration examination for that discipline.
 - b. the person must have applied to write the next available relevant registration examination.
 - c. the person must not have been previously issued a temporary licence (graduate).
 - d. the person must sign a new graduate letter or acknowledgement (with conditions being part of public registry)
 - e. agree to access the next sitting of the national exam
 - f. use the designation "graduate" with any of the protected titles for the relevant discipline

All classes of temporary licensing:

- must be issued for a specified period that does not exceed 12 months
- may be revoked prior to end date in accordance with section 22 of NSCMIRTP Regulations if:
 - the registrant fails to continue to meet the criteria for a temporary licence
 - the registrant fails to comply with any conditions or restrictions on the registrant's temporary licence
 - the registrant requests to surrender their licence
 - the temporary licence is replaced by another category of licence.

A person who holds a temporary license (graduate or refresher program candidates) may not delegate any act of practice to another person who does not hold a relevant licence under the Act