



## Licensure of Applicants Currently Licensed in Canadian Jurisdictions Outside of Nova Scotia

<b>Policy #</b>  <b>R-08.0</b>	<b>Approved</b> September 2020	<b>Authority</b> Board of Directors	<b>Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registrar</li> <li>• Registration Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Related Policy &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>Revised</b> M/Y	<b>Supporting Legislation/Regulation/By-Laws</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CFTA</i> Article 705.1</li> <li>• <i>FRPA</i> 7(a)(c)(d)</li> </ul>	

### POLICY

The Registrar is responsible for determining if Applicants currently licensed by a Canadian licensing jurisdiction outside of Nova Scotia meet the NSCCT requirements set out in this Policy, and making a recommendation to the Registration Committee for final ratification. The Registrar’s recommendation must include all supporting documents from the Applicant used to make a decision as well as written reasons for the decision.

Having met these requirements, Applicants who hold licensure in other Canadian jurisdictions will be licensed in the equivalent category in Nova Scotia. The Registrar/Registration Committee will present a list of applicants approved under this Policy to the Board as part of their annual report.

Notwithstanding the general articles of the *Counselling Therapist Regulations*, this Policy constitutes a waiver under Article 18(a) of the *Regulations* of all other registration and licensing criteria not included in, or that may be inconsistent with, this Policy.

Applicants currently licensed by another Canadian jurisdiction will be licensed to practice in Nova Scotia upon receipt of the following:

- A copy of the Applicant's current license;
- Written confirmation from the Registrar of the licensing body under which the Applicant is currently licensed, that the applicant is a member in good standing and is not the subject of any unresolved disciplinary matters and that there are no previous, current or pending sanctions or licensing restrictions imposed upon or due to be imposed on the Applicant;
- Criminal Record Check (municipal police or RCMP);\*
- Vulnerable Sector Check (municipal police or RCMP);\*
- Application fee (see Schedule of Fees);
- The annual NSCCT registration fee for the relevant category (see Schedule of Fees);
- Evidence of professional liability insurance policy coverage of \$1,000,000 minimum.

\* Refer to Policy: *Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks*

*Policy: Evidence of Suitability to Practice*

Note: Applicants are responsible for obtaining the Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check at their own expense.

Note: Applicants are encouraged to include a copy of their current CV for use by the NSCCT in gathering general occupational data in aggregate. This information will not be used in any way to evaluate the application, and may be submitted after the registration decision has been made if the Applicant prefers.

Notice of Decision and Right of Appeal

The Registrar will notify Applicants of any decision regarding admission to the College in writing within 60 days of receiving a fully complete application package.

Applicants have a right to request a review of the Registrar/Registration Committee decision regarding their application. Appeals are made directly to the Chair, Registration Appeal Committee.

Neither the Registrar nor any member of the Registration Committee (or other person) involved in the initial registration decision will be permitted to sit in consideration of an appeal of that decision.

**PURPOSE**

To promote the barrier-free movement of appropriately licensed practitioners from across Canada.

To help increase public access to mental health services in Nova Scotia by facilitating the licensure of appropriately trained practitioners from across Canada.

To ensure that Applicants from other Canadian licensing jurisdictions are assessed for licensing based on clear, objective and accessible criteria.

To ensure NSCCT compliance with CFTA Regulations