



Mutually Cooperative Regulation

Introduction

Efficient and procedurally fair investigation and resolution of concerns or complaints made against counselling therapists requires the good-faith cooperation of all parties involved. To this end, the Regulated Health Professions Act s. 60(1) states that a registrant shall

- a) Comply with this Act and the regulations, bylaws, code of ethics and standards of practice; and,
- b) Co-operate with the regulatory body, the registrar and any committees of the regulatory body with respect to any regulatory process or requirements under this Act, the regulations and the bylaws.

To ensure that regulatory bodies are not hindered in fulfilling their individual public-interest mandates due to lack of cooperation from registrants of other regulatory bodies, a new standard is being introduced by all Nova Scotia health profession regulators requiring registrants to cooperate with the regulatory processes of all other regulators.

STATEMENT OF STANDARD

1.0 Consistent with *RHPA* s. 60(1)(a)(b) all registrants shall

- 1.1** Cooperate with the regulatory body, the registrar and any committees of any regulatory body designated by the Act with respect to any regulatory process or requirements under this Act, the regulations and the bylaws of that regulatory body; and,
- 1.2** Immediately notify the Executive Director & Registrar or the Director of Complaints and Professional Conduct when cooperating with another regulator under subsection (a) of this policy.

END

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