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PharmaNet Access Reminder

This is a reminder that the deadline for registrants to sign up for PharmaNet access by enrolling in PRIME is November 15, 2023. Access to PharmaNet will be a condition to gaining or renewing certification in Prescriptive Authority as of November 15, 2023.

PRIME is a prerequisite for setting up your PharmaNet access; your PharmaNet software vendor requires your PRIME approval to set up your access.

Any registrant who has not already done so is strongly encouraged to enrol in PRIME as soon as possible.

Join us - PRIME information sessions

Site Registration

Date: October 31, 2023

Time: 08:00 AM PST

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 297 040 635 018

Passcode: xuRJXG

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Individual Enrolment

Date: November 2, 2023

Time: 08:00 AM PST

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 246 076 418 092

Passcode: q2Mv3D

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Private community practice site registration

All sites requiring access to PharmaNet must be approved in PRIME. Naturopathic Physicians working at these sites need the site approved before their access to PharmaNet can be provisioned.

A site can be registered in PRIME on a practitioner's behalf by someone who does not access PharmaNet and is not a registrant of a health regulatory college, such as an office manager or MOA. You will need to ensure someone is available to accept the required organization agreement, either in PRIME or on paper that is then uploaded into PRIME.

Please note: PharmaNet can only be accessed while the user is physically located in BC and clinics may not be roaming or entirely virtual in their setup.

No action is required if you are not responsible for site access to PharmaNet at your clinic, or if your clinic's registration is already submitted in PRIME.

Naturopathic physician enrolment

If you are a prescribing naturopath, you will need to enroll in PRIME to request access to PharmaNet. You will need your BC Service Card App set up, your registration number, and the email address of the person who looks after the setup of PharmaNet software access at your clinic.

More information about individual enrolment and site registration

If you are a prescribing naturopath, you will need to enroll in PRIME to request access to PharmaNet. You will need your BC Service Card App set up, your registration number, and the email address of the person who looks after the setup of PharmaNet software access at your clinic.

- [PRIME web page](#)
- [PRIME user guides – enrolment and site registration](#)
- [PRIME Enrolment](#)

You may contact PrimeSupport@gov.bc.ca if you have questions or require more information.



Registration Renewal

It is time to renew your CNPBC registration for 2024! The CNPBC registration renewal period will open in mid-November 2023.

Three major changes for 2024 registration renewal

1. No registration or certification fee increase for 2024.
2. The deadline for renewal, including payment of registration fees, has been changed to **December 31 at 4:30 pm (PST)**. This brings the deadline into alignment with the effective dates of registrants' licenses.
3. Minimum insurance requirements for registrants and Health Profession Corporations have been increased from \$1 million to \$3 million per occurrence.

Failure to complete the renewal process by the the deadline

Failure to complete the renewal process and pay the required fees by Dec 31, 2023 at 4:30 pm (PST) will result in the following:

- immediate cancellation of license; and
- immediate removal of any notation of certification in the Public Register.

If your license is cancelled, you must:

- stop practising naturopathic medicine until you have been granted reinstatement at the discretion of the Registration Committee; and
- apply for reinstatement according to sections 58 and 60 of the Bylaws, as applicable.

If your certifications are cancelled, you must:

- stop practising the corresponding aspect of practice for the certification(s); and
- apply to reinstate the certification(s) and pay the required fees before resuming the corresponding aspect of practice.

Dates to remember

- **Mid-November 2023:** the renewal period opens.
- **December 31, 2023 at 4:30 pm (PST):** The renewal period and online renewal portal closes. Applications received after 4:30 pm (PST) on December 31, 2023 will not be processed. Renewal after this deadline is subject to a reinstatement fees.

Working without an active license may be considered professional misconduct and subject to a complaint.



Correction - Flutamide

The College's October 17, 2023 newsletter incorrectly listed flutamide as one of the drugs that had been added to the scope of practice for naturopathic doctors.

Flutamide remains excluded from the scope of practice. Naturopathic doctors are not permitted to prescribe flutamide.

Registrants are reminded to always consult the [Scope of Practice: Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Compounding and Dispensing Drugs](#) for all prescribing questions, including those related to scope of practice. Registrants are also encouraged to contact the College if they are unsure about the status of any drug.

We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵəm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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