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Draft Bylaws for New Multi-Profession Regulatory College Now Available for Feedback

[Draft bylaws](#) for a new, multi-profession college, the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC, are now available for feedback until **June 14, 2024, at 4:30pm**. As you may recall, the Ministry of Health has directed the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, College of Chiropractors of BC, College of Massage Therapists of BC, and College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC to amalgamate as the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC on June 28, 2024.

These draft bylaws are based on the bylaws of the existing College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC and the other three regulatory colleges that will amalgamate on June 28, 2024, to form the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC.

What is staying the same

The draft bylaws do not propose changes to professional requirements. The draft bylaws do not include changes to regulated health professionals' scope of practice, registration, fees, practice standards, nor quality assurance requirements.

What is changing

Key changes in the bylaws relate to Board composition. For the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC, the maximum Board size will be 12 members: six public

members and six registrant members. Other bylaw changes that relate to governance of the new college are outlined in a [Governance Framework document](#).

Highlights of proposed bylaw changes, other than governance changes, are as follows:

- Inquiry: setting out standard college procedures in bylaws, such as pre-hearing conferences, duty to cooperate, and criteria for separating or combining complaints
- Health Profession Corporations (HPCs):
 - establishing annual renewal dates for HPC permits
 - requiring an HPC designated representative to communicate with the college and comply with HPC administrative requirements
 - mandatory disclosure of some publicly available information about an HPC, on request
 - transfer of responsibility for HPC revocation hearings from the college Board to the Discipline Committee
- College records:
 - including additional information in the public register
 - disclosure/publication of unauthorized practice
- The draft bylaws also reflect a move towards regulatory modernization and, in some cases, are anticipating requirements in the Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA), expected to be in-force sometime in 2025

Feedback on the draft bylaws can be submitted until June 14 at 4:30pm to:

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You may also provide comments directly to the Ministry of Health:

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The bylaws will be revised throughout the public notice period based on feedback. Revised bylaws will be posted on the [amalgamation website](#). For the most up-to-date version of the bylaws, please visit <https://c4amalgamation.com/bylaws/>

A final set of bylaws will be approved by the new Board of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC and filed with the Ministry of Health so that they come into force on June 28, 2024.

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Annual General Meeting

The [CNPBC bylaws](#) 33. (1) state that a general meeting of the registrants must be held at least once in each calendar year and not more than fifteen (15) months after the last preceding annual general meeting.

The last annual general meeting was held on May 3, 2023. Based on the bylaws, the next annual general meeting is required before August 3, 2024. Due to amalgamation on June 28, 2024, CNPBC will no longer exist on August 3, 2024 and thus, an annual general meeting is not required in 2024.

NALS Requirement

The College completed a review of the required Naturopathic Advanced Life Support (NALS). The review included:

- **A registrant survey:** in the February 2024 CNPBC newsletter, registrants were invited to complete a survey on the value of NALS in their practice.
- **A jurisdictional scan:** the College collected a summary of the life support requirements of other regulated jurisdictions in the US and Canada, as well as other comparable professions within BC.
- **Inquiry to providers:** providers were asked to comment on the importance of NALS topics and course delivery methods.
- **NALS & BLS Comparison:** Staff highlighted the differences between the NALS and BLS curriculums.

The Quality Assurance Committee, and subsequently the Board, assessed the findings of this review and made the motion to reaffirm the requirement for all registrants who hold certifications to complete NALS every 2 years in person.

We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), selííwítulh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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