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## **Sign Up for PharmaNet by December 31!**

This is a reminder that the deadline for registrants to sign up for PharmaNet access by enrolling in PRIME is December 31, 2022. Access to PharmaNet will be a condition to gaining or renewing certification in Prescriptive Authority.

Any registrant who has not already done so is strongly encouraged to enrol in PRIME as soon as possible so that PRIME can process their enrolment in time to meet the December 31 deadline.

## **Why is access to PharmaNet required?**

The College made the decision to require access to PharmaNet to promote best practices among prescribing registrants and to promote better safety and health outcomes for patients.

Access to PharmaNet ensures that prescribers have a full and accurate picture of their

patients' prescription history, which helps to prevent over-prescribing and adverse drug interactions. For patients, this means increased safety and better health outcomes. For prescribers, this means less risk of causing an adverse reaction to treatment in their patients, and therefore less risk of facing complaints or liability associated with negative patient experiences.

### **Questions about how to enrol in PRIME?**

The College and the PRIME team will be doing a live walk-through on December 14, 2022 at 10:00am. Registrants will be able to ask questions about the process by [joining the session via TEAMS](#) (Meeting ID: 297 662 673 180, Passcode: LxWc8T)

For dial-in, please join at: [+1 778-401-6289](#), Phone Conference ID: 717 597 144#

The College will be recording the walk-through and posting it to the CNPBC website.

For more information on how to sign up, including video tutorials, visit these links:

- [PRIME landing page \(www.gov.bc.ca/pharmanet/PRIME\)](http://www.gov.bc.ca/pharmanet/PRIME)
- [CNPBC-Newsletter-May-2022.pdf](#)

Any questions about enrolling in PRIME should be directed to [PRIMESupport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PRIMESupport@gov.bc.ca) or 1-844-397- 7463.

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### **Notice of Annual Registration Renewal for 2023**

It's time again to renew your registration for 2023. Under section 56 of the College's Bylaws, both practising and non-practising registrants must pay their renewal and certification fees by January 1, 2023. This can be easily done online.

As noted previously, a 10% fee increase will apply to the registration year beginning January 1, 2023, to address the increasing costs associated with regulation.

- Full practising \$2,090
- Non-practising \$2,090

Certification fees are listed in Schedule "C" of the College's Bylaws, and they apply to each certification held by a registrant.

#### **Non-practising registrants**

Non-practising registrants, and registrants intending to change their class to non-practising during renewal, who are not practising naturopathic medicine because they are on medical/disability leave, retired, or on parental leave, may apply to be exempt from the non-practising renewal fee.

The application form for a non-practising fees exemption can be found on the Registrant

Online Self-Service (ROSS) website under the “Forms & Resources” area in the “Registration” folder. Non-practising registrants who were approved for the fee exemption last year will have to reapply for the fee exemption this year. The deadline to submit the non-practising fees exemption form is December 15, 2022.

### **How to renew**

The Registrant Online Self-Service (ROSS) website is available for registration renewal starting November 15, 2022. There is no paper application for registration renewal. If you cannot submit your payment online using a credit card (Visa or Mastercard only), the College will accept a certified cheque or bank draft.

If you are having difficulty with the website, please try updating your browser to its most current version. If you have forgotten your password or the answer to your security question, just click on the “Forgot Password” button on the sign-in page. Please note that your password and the answers to your security questions are case-sensitive.

### **Consequences of failure to pay registration renewal fees by the January 1, 2023 deadline:**

Failure to complete the renewal process by January 1, 2023 will result in the immediate cancellation of license, pursuant to section 21(3)(b) of the Health Professions Act and section 56(11) of the Bylaws. If your license is cancelled, you must:

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

### **Consequences of failure to pay certification renewal fees by the January 1, 2023 deadline:**

If certification renewal fees are not paid by January 1, 2023, you will be required to:

1. stop practising the corresponding aspect of practice for the certification(s); and

2. apply to reinstate the certification(s) and pay the required fees before resuming the corresponding aspect of practice.

### **Renew your Health Profession Corporation (HPC) permit online**

The **HPC Permit Renewal** process has moved online and is included in the registration renewal process.

A corporation must not provide naturopathic medical services to the public unless it holds a health profession corporation permit from the College. Current valid HPC permits expire on December 31, 2022. For more information about HPCs, visit the College's website.

### **Continuing Education (CE) deadline**

The current CE period is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Registrants are required to submit their CE information by January 1, 2024.

### **Changing your registration class**

If you change your registration from full practising class to non-practising during the renewal process, there will be a \$25 administration fee. If you are applying for a non-practising fee exemption, please submit the form and await approval prior to completing your registration renewal.

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### **A Note From the Registrar**

The end of the year is fast approaching and with it you will note our reminder that it's time to renew. It's always busy at the College this time of year, particularly during renewal, so you might want to renew before the holiday season gets too busy.

You may have heard about the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, recently tabled by the Minister of Health as Bill 36 – 2022. The proposed Act is intended to replace the current *Health Professions Act* and is the centrepiece of a long-considered comprehensive initiative to modernize health regulation in BC.

This legislation is a response to the 2019 Cayton Report, initially commissioned by the Ministry of Health and fulfilling further recommendations made by the multi-party Steering Committee on Modernization of Health Professional Regulation in August 2020. As more information unfolds, we will keep you posted.

We wish everyone an uneventful, but very joyous, holiday season.

Stay well.

Carina Herman

***We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - s̓k̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓w̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.***

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