



Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists 2026 Registration Renewal Frequently Asked Questions

Please note: CCHPBC receives a high volume of inquiries through emails and phone calls during the renewal period. We may take longer than usual in order to accurately address each registrant's inquiry. If the matter affects a large group of registrants, kindly note we are working proactively to address them. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to assist with your inquiries one by one.

Q1: What is the period for 2026 Registration Renewal

A: All registrations expire on March 31st every year. To ensure your continuous registration, you are required to renew your registration every year prior to March 31st. Current registrants may renew online through the [Registrant Portal](#) during the Renewal Period – from February 12, 2026 (Thursday) to March 31, 2026 (Tuesday).

Q2: What are the fees associated with 2026 Registration Renewal?

A:

- Annual Registration Fee for Full Registration (in practising): \$990.00
- Annual Registration Fee for Non-Practising Registration: \$425.00

Q3: How do I know if I have successfully renewed? Will I receive a hardcopy of registration confirmation by post?

A: The “confirmation of registration renewal email” can be used to confirm registration status with the College. This year's renewal, a hardcopy of registration confirmation will not be sent to registrants by post.

You can also review your registration status on the Registrant Portal demonstrated as follows:

The public and patients should also use the College's [Licence Verification Tool](#) to verify the latest registration status of a current registered practitioner in the Traditional Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture profession.

Q4: Where can I find my payment receipt after I successfully complete my registration renewal?

A: A payment receipt will be emailed to you by our automatic system after you paid the annual registration fee. Please keep it in your own Personal “Registrant File” for record.

You can also access your invoice on the Registrant Portal demonstrated as follows:



Q5: I am a current [TCMA] student registrant. Do I have to renew my [TCMA] Student Registration for 2026 – 2027?

A: No. The College is going to discontinue the Student Registration class as part of the new bylaws coming into effect on April 1, 2026, under the Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA).

Q6: Where can I find the information about Discontinuation of the Non-Practising Registration Class?

A: For the information of “Discontinuation of the Non-Practising Registration Class”, please click -> <https://cchpbc.ca/cchpbc-announcements/discontinuation-of-the-non-practising-registration-class/>

Q7: Currently I am a Full registrant in practising. Can I renew as a non-practising registrant for 2026 – 2027?

A: Yes, you can but *only if* you can successfully complete both steps listed in below on or before March 31, 2026.

1. Apply for changing Registration Class from Full Registration to Non-Practising Registration by submitting a fully completed application form with all the required documents and application fee to the College.
2. After you successfully become a Non-Practising registrant, apply for the Registration Renewal online by submitting a fully completed renewal application form and annual registration fee to the College.

Please be reminded that the College is going to discontinue the Non-Practising registration class as part of the new bylaws coming into effect on April 1, 2026, under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA).

Q8: I already have submitted my Full Registration application for “Title Change” to the College, should I renew after my title successfully changed?

A: No, you should renew your registration immediately. Your title will be changed if you have fulfilled all the requirements. Please kindly allow sufficient time for your application to be processed during the Registration Renewal period.



Q9: Do I have to complete the following requirements for the 2026 Registration Renewal?

- **Continuing Education (CE)**
- **Practice Development Programs (PDP)**
- **Practice Support Program (PSP)**
- **Required course**

A: No, effective February 18, 2026, completion and reporting of existing QA requirements listed above will not be required.

Q10: Where can I find the information about the NEW Quality Assurance Program?

A: For the information of “Announcing the development of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC’s new, unified Quality Assurance Program”, please click -> <https://cchpbc.ca/cchpbc-announcements/announcing-the-development-of-the-college-of-complementary-health-professionals-of-bcs-new-unified-quality-assurance-program/>

- If you have any questions related to the Quality Assurance Program (QAP), please contact the Profession Staff in QA via email at QAPrograms@cchpbc.ca.

Q11: How can I pay my annual registration fee online if I don’t have a Visa Card or Master Card?

A: You may try to use your bank card which bears a Visa Card or Master Card logo or a prepaid Visa Gift Card or Master Gift Card.

Q12: Can I re-open my Registration Renewal application form after I submit it to the College?

A: No, you cannot re-open the Registration Renewal form after you submit it to the College.

Q13: How can I upload my Professional Liability Insurance certificate to the Registration Renewal online system after I submit my renewal application form to the College?

A: Currently you only can upload the certificate via the Registration Renewal online system during the renewal period. Please be reminded that you are required to keep the proof of the Professional Liability Insurance in your own personal “Registrant File”.

Q14: What documents should I keep in my own Personal “Registrant File”?

A: Registrants must keep all the official documents as proof that related to their registration in their own personal “Registrant File”, *including but not limited to* Professional Liability Insurance certificate or policy, Standard First Aid with Level C cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR-C) certifications, payment receipt, correspondences with the College, Continuing Education (CE), Currency of Practice (CP) records. Registrants must provide the proof to the College upon request.



Q15: What will happen if I fail to renew my registration on or before March 31, 2026?

A: Registration will be cancelled on April 1 when renewal process (i.e., completion of the renewal form and payment of registration fee) has not been completed by the deadline. When a former registrant's registration is cancelled, the former registrant is no longer permitted (by law) to practice TCM and acupuncture in British Columbia, Canada or to represent oneself as a practitioner, or to use the titles granted by the College including full titles and abbreviations for R.Ac., R.TCM.H., R.TCM.P., Dr.TCM.

Q16: How do I cancel my registration?

A: If registrant wish to cancel their current registrations, please fully complete and submit a "[Registration Cancellation Request Form for Full or Non-Practising Registrant](#)" to the College. It is registrants' responsibilities to consult the "Closing Practice / Leaving / Resignation" section of the [Practice Standard – Clinical Record Keeping](#), page 8, and follow up responsibly notifying patients, and transferring and retaining records.

Q17: As a former registrant / current non-practising registrant, where can I find the information about Reinstatement to Full Registration?

A: For forms and requirements of **Reinstatement to Full Registration**, please refer to CCHPBC website at <https://cchpbc.ca/for-professionals/traditional-chinese-medicine-and-acupuncturists/registrants/#tcma-Reinstatement>

- Applicants must satisfy all requirements in effect at the time they apply for CCHPBC registration. Applicants must ensure that they have followed the instructions on CCHPBC website and fulfilled the requirements set in CCHPBC Bylaws.

Q18: Where can I find the information about Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA)

A: For information of **Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA)**, please refer to CCHPBC website at <https://cchpbc.ca/hpoa/>

- The *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA) is set to replace the *Health Professions Act* (HPA). The [BC government announced](#) that the [HPOA](#) will come into force on [April 1, 2026](#).
- Effective April 1, 2026, registrants will practise under the Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA).

IMPORTANT: HPOA and changes to Bylaws

The information on status changes / reinstatement requirements mentioned above is based on current CCHPBC [Bylaws](#). When the HPOA becomes enforced, there may be changes in Bylaws that impact requirements. Information about any changes will be communicated to all practising and non-practising registrants via email when it is available.