



# CCHPBC Professional Standards HPOA Webinar Series

## Professional Standards

### FAQ

#### Q: Why were the professional standards created?

The professional standards have been developed to ensure that ethical and professional expectations across all four professions are aligned to meet the new regulatory requirements established under the [Health Professions and Occupations Act \(HPOA\)](#).

#### Q: Do the professional standards apply to all professions regulated by CCHPBC?

Yes. All CCHPBC licenses are required to meet the professional standards, which set out the minimum expectations for ethical conduct and professionalism.

#### Q: What is the difference between the professional standards and clinical practice standards?

**Professional Standards** set out the *minimum* expectations for professionalism and ethical conduct that *all* licensees *must* meet.

**Clinical Practice Standards** are the requirements for higher-risk areas of one's professional scope of practice, which may *vary by profession*. These standards are developed and maintained by legislation, when required or where they are determined to be necessary, according to a risk-based framework.

#### Q: When did the new professional standards come into effect?

The professional standards came into effect on April 1, 2026.



## Q: Where can I find the new code of ethics?

There is no longer a separate code of ethics. The ethical requirements previously found in a code of ethics are now *integrated* into the nine Professional Standards. Under the HPOA, the professional standards set out the minimum expectations for ethical conduct and professionalism that *all* licensees must meet.

## Q: Do the new Professional Standards include templates for record-keeping and informed consent?

A: No. The new Professional Standards do not include templates for record-keeping or informed consent. It is the responsibility of each licensee to ensure they are meeting the requirements for record-keeping and informed consent that best meet the assessment, treatment, services or procedures they are providing to the patient, and to document them accordingly.