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HRPA PROFESSIONAL REGULATION SECTOR WATCH

Below is the June 2022 issue of the monthly *Professional Regulation Sector Watch*, capturing regulatory news hand-searched by the HRPA's Policy Development Team.

Ontario

Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO) Launches New Campaign Highlighting Benefits of Using an Insurance Broker

<https://www.ibao.org/news/ibao-launches-new-campaign-highlighting-the-benefits-of-using-an-insurance-broker/>

The Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO) has launched a digital campaign to drive awareness of the benefits of using the broker channel and educate the public on why they should use a broker when they need insurance. It highlights how complicated insurance can be, how many company and policy options are available today and how working with a broker can remove the complexity of searching for the right coverage.

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers: New Practice Note on Navigating Conflicts of Interest + No Increase in Membership Fees for 2023

<https://www.ocswssw.org/2022/05/18/practice-notes-navigating-conflicts-of-interest/>
<https://www.ocswssw.org/2022/05/09/update-from-the-registrar-and-ceo-registration-and-membership-fees-for-2023-and-a-reminder-about-amed-registration/>

- The College has released practice notes on navigating conflicts of interest. Practice Notes is an educational tool designed to help Ontario social workers, social service workers, employers and members of the public gain a better understanding of recurring issues dealt with by the Professional Practice Department and the Complaints Committee that may affect everyday practice.

- During its meeting on Friday, May 6, College Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that there be **no increase to the registration and member fees in 2023**. In making this decision, Council considered the College's operating costs and resource needs and the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

College of Dietitians of Ontario: Social Media Focus Group + New Regulations Matters Issue

<https://www.collegeofdietitians.org/news/2022/social-media-focus-group.aspx>

<https://www.collegeofdietitians.org/news/2022/regulation-matters-2022-issue-1-available-now.aspx>

- The College of Dietitians of Ontario is seeking approximately 20 dietitians with experience in social media and dietetic practice to participate in a focus group to develop a Standard and Practice Guidelines for Social Media for Registered Dietitians in Ontario. This is a current state analysis to better understand current practice in social media and dietetics.

- The College has released a new Regulation Matters 2022 Issue, which addresses:

- Changes to Legislation for Dietitians Working in Long-Term Care
- Keeping Up Quality Practice in Demanding Times
- Private Practice RDs: Do You Have Plans in Place To Manage Client Health Records?
- Professional Practice Question: What Do I Need to Know about Closing My Private Practice?
- Professional Practice Question: What are my Professional Obligations for Obtaining Consent if the Client's Custody is in Question?

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario Changes Registration and Application Fees

<https://www.cmta.com/changes-to-registration-and-application-fees/>

To continue meeting regulatory requirements and supporting RMTs in the delivery of safe and effective care, CMTO is proposing the following fee changes:

- General Certificate fee increase by \$100 (from \$797 to \$897 for 2023).
- Increases to the General Certificate fee of no more than \$75 in future years.
- Inactive Certificate fee increase to 50% of the General Certificate fee (from \$200 to \$448.50 for 2023).
- Application fee increase from \$100 to \$225 for 2023, plus an annual increase equal to the rate of inflation, rounded to the nearest dollar.

Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario details what dentists should know about police requests for assistance

<https://www.rcdso.org/en-ca/rcdso-members/dispatch-magazine/articles/6951>

The RCDSO released an article about how dentists can help during police investigations. For more than a decade, investigators from various police agencies in Ontario have contacted the College seeking dental records of missing or unidentified persons. There are approximately 1400-1600 open missing person investigations in Ontario.

College of Nurses of Ontario Achieves Milestone Registration in New Program

<https://www.cno.org/en/news/2022/may-2022/cno-achieves-milestone-registration-in-new-program/>

Less than five months into a brand-new program, the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), in partnership with Ontario Health, has matched 1,000 potential nurses with employers so they can meet registration requirements.

The Supervised Practice Experience Partnership (SPEP) helps applicants achieve their evidence of practice and language proficiency requirements by matching people with a supervised practice experience. It's one of many ways CNO is working to strengthen Ontario's health care system and respond to the need for additional nurses who meet high standards to support patient safety.

College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario: Practice Changes + Standards for Practice Consultation

<https://www.coto.org/news/exciting-practice-changes-ahead>

<https://www.coto.org/news/now-open-standards-for-practice-consultation>

- The College has developed Draft Standards to reflect the new competencies required for occupational therapists, available for review and comment. Feedback will inform revisions for Board review. The new competencies, reflecting the broad range of skills and abilities required of all occupational therapists, will come into effect as of November 1, 2022.
- The College's Practice Team has also updated and streamlined its Standards for Practice, which are open for feedback.

College of Opticians of Ontario: Proposed Updates to Code of Ethics, Proposed Spousal Exemption Regulation, Return to Practice Guidelines

<https://collegeofopticians.ca/news/view/news-from-the-college>

- The College is inviting registrants and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed registration fees for 2022, with potential increases. For more information click [here](#).
- The College wants to hear from registrants on a proposed regulatory amendment that would have the effect of permitting opticians in Ontario to treat their spouses.
- A survey is now open for registrants to share feedback on proposed updates to the Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics sets out the ethical guidelines for registrants, and together with the Standards of Practice, is one of the primary documents that establishes the guidelines for maintaining the integrity of the profession. To read more about the proposed updates click [here](#).
- The College has made updates to the COVID-19 Return to Practice Guidelines. Visit our [COVID-19 page](#) for details.

Ontario College of Pharmacists: Recruitment for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group + Regulations Authorizing Pharmacist Prescribing for Certain Minor Ailments Approved

<https://www.ocpinfo.com/recruitment-for-equity-diversity-and-inclusion-advisory-group/>

<https://www.ocpinfo.com/minor-ailments-approved-in-effect-january-1-2023/>

- The College is expanding on its existing commitment to cultivate Indigenous Cultural Competency to promote a broader understanding of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and how it can help support a better health system. Recognizing its role as the provincial pharmacy regulator and the role that pharmacy professionals can play in addressing healthcare disparities, the College is looking to work with the profession, stakeholders and other health system partners to help drive positive change to support the delivery of more equitable healthcare in Ontario.

To support this work, the College is seeking to recruit five (5) pharmacists, three (3) pharmacy technicians and two (2) members of the public to join the College's **Pharmacy Regulation and Practice EDI Advisory Group (EDI Advisory Group)**.

- Proposed [regulatory amendments](#) to authorize Part A pharmacists, students and interns in Ontario to prescribe medications for certain minor ailments have been approved. This expansion of pharmacists' scope of practice comes into effect on January 1, 2023. The link provided notes all of the conditions that will be applicable.

Law Society of Ontario: Removal of Certified Specialist Titles + Legal Proceedings Against Exam Prep Provider

<https://lso.ca/news-events/news/latest-news-2022/law-society-of-ontario-sues-nca-exam-guru>

<https://iso.ca/about-iso/convocation/2022/may-26>

- There will be a wind-up of the Certified Specialist Program. Licensees who are currently Certified Specialists may only use the designation until December 31, 2022.
- The Law Society of Ontario has commenced a civil action against NCA Exam Guru and its principal, Aamer Chaudhry. NCA Exam Guru offers preparation courses for licensing examinations. Aamer Chaudhry leads some of the courses.

In the civil action, the Law Society of Ontario alleges that the company, without authorization, has been obtaining and providing to those enrolled in its preparation courses documents containing questions from the licensing examinations. The company has also been providing documents containing answers to questions. These documents were provided improperly to clients of the company to allow them to cheat on the licensing examinations.
