

Quality Assurance Regulation Amendments Approved

The amendments to the College's [Quality Assurance Regulation](#) came into force in April 2015. The revisions to this Regulation reflect much time and effort of the Quality Assurance Committee over many years and will serve to improve and enhance the College's Quality Assurance Program.

During the development of the amended QA Regulation the QA Committee consulted with the membership on a number of occasions seeking input into the proposed changes. The most significant changes pertain to selection of members for Peer and Practice Reviews; and enhanced Continuing Professional Development requirements. The new Regulation permits the Committee to expand the ways in which members are selected to participate in the Peer and Practice Reviews. Rather than selections being made on a strictly random basis from the entire membership, the Committee may now employ stratified random selection. That is, the Committee will continue to select members randomly, but may now do so from specific groups such as members in private practice, members working in school boards, members serving adolescents or other such criteria.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) will now become a mandatory requirement for members of the College. Much work has been done on the CPD program in anticipation of the passing of the Regulation. The program will afford members the opportunity to fulfill the mandatory requirements through a combination of professional activities along with participation in both formal and informal continuing education workshops and seminars. Implementation is expected to occur in conjunction with the distribution of the Self-Assessment Guide and Professional Development Plan in the spring of 2016. At this time, members need not make any changes to their current professional development plans and activities but should wait for further information about the new program to be available shortly.

