

Registration Regulation Consultation - Small Wording Error Requires Correction

The new Registration Regulation, [Ontario Regulation 74/15 – Registration](#), came into force on April 7, 2015. In reviewing the Regulation, it has come to the attention of the College that there is an error in Section 23(1); the section pertaining to the requirements to obtain a *Certificate of Registration for a Psychological Associate Authorizing Supervised Practice*. This section of the Regulation currently reads:

Certificates of registration for a psychological associate authorizing supervised practice

23. (1) To qualify for a certificate of registration for a psychological associate authorizing supervised practice, an applicant must comply with one of the following non-exemptible registration requirements: [emphasis added].

1. Meeting the requirements in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 16 (1).
2. Having provided to the College a signed undertaking from two supervisors in which the supervisors undertake to train the proposed member and supervise and evaluate the proposed member's practice and to provide reports in the form and manner as specified by the Registrar or a panel of the Registration Committee.

The words one of were mistakenly inserted during editing of the final draft submitted to the Ministry, different from any of the previous circulated proposals. This section is, and always was, intended to describe the two “non-exemptible” registration requirements that follow in section 23(1); not one or the other. The non-exemptible requirements relate to the:

1. academic requirements necessary to obtain a Supervised Practice Certificate as a Psychological Associate [paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 16 (1)]; and,
2. need to have two members of the College agree to act as supervisors during the supervised practice period.

Both of these “non-exemptible” requirements are, and have always been, necessary. It was never the intention that a candidate could qualify for a Supervised Practice Certificate by either meeting the academic requirements or having two members willing to act as supervisors. Both are necessary. To permit otherwise would suggest that an individual could receive a Supervised Practice Certificate by having the necessary academic prerequisites without having supervisors willing to act during the required period of Supervised Practice; or conversely the individual could have members willing to act as supervisors without having obtained the necessary academic background.

In order to correct this error, the College must submit a request for an amendment to *Ontario Regulation 74/15 – Registration* to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. The amendment would be to simply delete the words one of from s.23 (1). As a result this section of the Regulation would read:

23. (1) To qualify for a certificate of registration for a psychological associate authorizing supervised practice, an applicant must comply with the following non-exemptible registration requirements: [*one of* deleted after *must comply with*].

The process for making new regulations or amending existing ones is set out in Section 95(1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code (Code)* of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1994*. This section authorizes the College Council to make regulations following review by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The *Code* further requires that members of the College be consulted before the Council requests a new regulation or an amendment to an existing one:

(1.4) A regulation shall not be made under subsection (1) unless the proposed regulation is circulated to every member at least 60 days before it is approved by the Council. 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 23 (1).

In order to comply with the requirements of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, the College is distributing this e-Bulletin consultation notice. If you have any comments that you would like considered by the College Council in their decision-making regarding the minor, yet very important, regulation amendment, please forward these to the College. For your convenience, responses may be sent by e-mail to: registrationregulation@cpo.on.ca.

Please note that comments should be received by the College by **Monday, January 4, 2016**.
