

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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3.6 Re-Entry to Practice

Policy:

A person who has been absent from the practice of physiotherapy and/or is unable to provide evidence of a minimum of 1200 physiotherapy practice hours during the preceding five (5) years, is required to participate in a program of re-orientation and upgrading as determined by the Council in order to be granted active registration.

The Council approved program of reorientation and upgrading includes the following components:

1. The candidate is expected to seek out study and upgrading opportunities. This can include observation, mentoring with a qualified physiotherapist, auditing courses at the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Physical Therapy, self-study or participating in continuing education courses.
2. The candidate is required to successfully complete the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE).
3. The candidate may apply for licensure to practice under supervision on the Examination Candidate Register between the Written Component (Qualifying Exam) and the Clinical Component (Physiotherapy National Exam) of the PCE.

Procedure:

1. Once the candidate has successfully completed the Written Component, the candidate must register on the examination candidate register to practice under supervision, if wanting to practice. The candidate will be required to seek out jobs in a facility where exposure to the three main clinical areas (orthopedics, cardio respiratory and neurology) is available. The preferred type of setting is a general hospital.
2. Candidates have the opportunity to be registered on the examination candidate register for 2 years and are allowed 3 attempts to complete the PCE successfully.
3. When the candidate successfully completes the Clinical Component, full licensure can be granted. Please refer to Registration and Licensing Direction *3.18 Change in Registration Status* for further details on converting to the Active Practicing Register.