

As you are aware, the Department of Health and Wellness, in partnership with the College of Paramedics Advisory Committee (COPAC), is moving forward to establish the College of Paramedics on April 1, 2017.

This is an update to the last communication we sent on February 1, 2017.

If any member requires additional information or clarification, please contact Bud Avery, Manager, Paramedic Regulatory Affairs, Emergency Health Services by [email to: bud.avery@novascotia.ca](mailto:bud.avery@novascotia.ca)

Key Updates

Registration with the new College of Paramedics opens March 1, 2017

Paramedics currently registered in good standing with Emergency Health Services (EHS) are now able to register for licensing with the new College of Paramedics. To access the College of Paramedics registration webpage, click on this link <https://ehs.in1touch.org/login.html> or copy the link into your Internet browser.

Update your contact information

Please ensure your contact information is current. We suggest you log into your account to ensure that your username and password are correct, and to update your information as required. You can access the login screen at <https://ehs.in1touch.org/login.html>

Questions and Answers

Q. I am currently registered as an active paramedic in good standing with EHS. What do I need to do to become licensed by the College of Paramedics on April 1, 2017?

A paramedic with current registration and in good standing with EHS will need to complete the online EHS to College of Paramedics Transfer Form and pay the \$469.20 (includes HST) registration / licensing fee. Online registration is accessible through the College of Paramedics registration page <https://ehs.in1touch.org/login.html>

Step 1: Click the “Register Now” button. This will direct you to the registration login page.

Step 2: Log in using your existing user name and password for EHS registration.

Step 3: Complete the online EHS to College of Paramedics Transfer Form.

Step 4: Once the form is complete, click the “Payment Options” button. The total annual cost of registration/licensing is \$469.20 (includes HST). You can pay online with a credit card, or submit a money order, certified cheque, or bank draft made out to the: College of Paramedics and mailed to the Regulated Health Professions Network at the address below. **Personal checks will not be accepted.**

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- For those paying through secure online payment with credit card, the registration process is complete. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration and licensing with the College of Paramedics. Keep this record for income tax purposes and as proof of registration and licensure with the College of Paramedics.
- Those paying via money order, certified cheque, or bank draft will be required to submit payment directly to the College of Paramedics at the address provided on the registration page. Payment must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017 to ensure payment can be processed by the March 31 deadline. Once your payment is received and processed, you will receive email confirmation of your registration and licensing with the College of Paramedics. Keep this record for income tax purposes and as proof of registration and licensure with the College of Paramedics.

NOTE: Registration is not complete until the payment has been received. To ensure there is no delay in issuing your license to practice paramedicine, it is recommended that you mail your payment on or before March 20.

If you are currently registered with EHS but are unable to access the transfer form, contact:



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Q. Will I have to complete Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits after April 1, 2017? Can I use any current credits completed before April 1, 2017?

As of April 1, 2017, the College of Paramedics will take over the responsibility to set Continuing Medical Education requirements (CME). Information about Continuing Medical Education will be sent to paramedics by the College of Paramedics.

Q. What if I do not register with the College by April 1, 2017? It is important that you register by April 1, 2017.

Paramedics with an active registration with EHS who do not meet the registration and payment deadline of April 1, 2017, will not be eligible to practice until they register and pay the fee. If the registration application and fee is paid on or after April 22, 2017, a late application fee will apply.

Q. My employer wants proof that I am registered / licensed by the new College of Paramedics on April 1, 2017. How can I do this?

As with all regulated professionals, employers will require paramedics to show proof of registration and licensure with the College of Paramedics. Once you complete the College of Paramedics Transfer Form and pay the fee, you will receive an email confirming your registration and licensure with the College of Paramedics. You may provide a copy of this email confirmation to your employer as proof of registration / licensure.

Completing online registration as early as possible will ensure that you are able to provide this confirmation to your employer in advance of the April 1, 2017 deadline.

Q. My registration with EHS lapsed within the 12 months prior to April 1, 2017. Will I be able to register with the College for April 1, 2017?

If your registration has lapsed, please contact EHS as soon as possible to discuss the registration options available to you.

There is a registration application process with the College of Paramedics specifically for paramedics that are not currently active but had an active registration with EHS in the 12 months prior to April 1, 2017. Registration requests for these individuals will be reviewed by the Registrar of the College of Paramedics on a case by case basis. For additional information, please contact:

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We understand that this is a time of transition and that you may have questions. If you need additional information, clarification, or have questions, please contact Bud Avery, Manager, Paramedic Regulatory Affairs, Emergency Health Services at bud.avery@novascotia.ca or by phone at 902-424-2774.