



## INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PHARMACIST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Pharmacists from other Canadian provinces and territories (through the Mutual Recognition Agreement)

The College of Pharmacists of British Columbia welcomes pharmacists from other parts of Canada to come work in our province. We make every effort to help you through the process. Most organizations that regulate pharmacy in Canada have signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). This agreement allows the College to recognize the qualifications of pharmacists registered as practicing and in good standing with provinces that have signed the MRA.

If you are listed in the non-patient care register in a province that has a two-part register (patient care and non-patient care), you need to:

- Transfer to the other province's patient care category and provide a letter of standing OR
- Refer to the Pharmacists from other Canadian provinces and territories not through the MRA information.

If you practise pharmacy in direct patient care in any Canadian province or territory here's what you need to do to become registered to practise pharmacy in BC.

- ❑ **Step 1**      **Pre-register as an applicant with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia.**  
  
Complete and submit your "Application for Pre-Registration - Canada – MRA." Please allow twenty business days for the College to process your application.  
  
🔗 [Application for Pre-Registration - Canada – MRA](#)
- ❑ **Step 2**      **Review the BC Pharmacy Practice Manual.**  
  
You will need to become familiar with the BC Pharmacy Practice Manual in order to complete the *Declaration of Currency with Legislation and Practice Standards* section of "Application for Full Pharmacist Registration". The manual can be found on the College website at:  
  
🔗 [http://www.bcpharmacists.org/resources/bc\\_pharmacy\\_practice\\_manual.php](http://www.bcpharmacists.org/resources/bc_pharmacy_practice_manual.php)
- ❑ **Step 3**      **Complete and submit the "Application for Full Pharmacist Registration".**  
  
🔗 [Application for Full Pharmacist Registration](#)
- ❑ **Step 4**      **Congratulations!**  
  
You have now completed all the steps necessary to become a pharmacist registered to practise in BC. The College will issue a Certificate of Registration and an annual Registration Card designed to be carried in your wallet. You will need to renew your registration once a year.