



## **Summary of the Proposed Registration Regulation to be made under the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017***

The CMRTO is expecting the proclamation into force of the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* (the MRITA) in the near future. Once the MRITA is in force, it will change the name of the CMRTO to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (the CMRITO). It will change the name of the profession to the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology. It will also change the titles restricted only to members of the CMRITO. These titles include “medical radiation and imaging technologist” and “diagnostic medical sonographer”. It will also prohibit any person other than a member of the CMRITO from holding themselves out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as a medical radiation and imaging technologist or in a specialty of medical radiation and imaging technology. In anticipation of the coming into force of the MRITA, the CMRTO’s Council has approved, for circulation and comment, a new registration regulation to be made under the MRITA (Proposed Regulation). Among other things, the Proposed Regulation refers to the new name of the profession and streamlines the regulation so that it reflects the similarities of the registration requirements for all five specialties – radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography.

In accordance with the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, the Proposed Regulation is being circulated for 60 days to members and stakeholders for comment. Prior to finalizing the Proposed Regulation, Council will consider all comments received by the deadline, keeping in mind the CMRTO’s mandate to protect the public interest.

You are welcome to review the Proposed Regulation and provide your comments on the consultation section of the CMRTO website at [www.cmrto.org](http://www.cmrto.org). The deadline for receipt of comments is **June 2, 2019**.

Following is a summary of the Proposed Regulation and the differences between it and the existing registration regulation made under the *Medical Radiation Technology Act, 1991*, O. Reg. 866/93 (the Existing Regulation).

### **New Name of the Profession**

The Proposed Regulation refers to the new name of the profession “medical radiation and imaging technology” or “medical radiation and imaging technologist”. This is different from the

Existing Regulation which refers to the profession of medical radiation technology or medical radiation technologist.

### **General Registration Requirements**

In the Proposed Regulation, all applicants must meet certain general registration requirements. These requirements are:

1. An applicant's past and present conduct must afford reasonable grounds for the belief that the applicant:
  - a. will practise the profession with decency, honesty and integrity, and in accordance with the law,
  - b. does not have any physical or mental condition or disorder that could affect their ability to practise the profession in a safe manner, and
  - c. will display an appropriate professional attitude.
2. An applicant must be able to speak and write English or French with reasonable fluency.
3. An applicant must be a Canadian citizen, or a permanent resident, or authorized under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada), to engage in the practice of the profession.
4. An applicant must successfully complete a course in jurisprudence set or approved by the CMRITO.
5. An applicant must provide information regarding their past and present conduct so that the CMRITO can determine whether they meet the above requirement regarding past and present conduct.

These requirements under the Proposed Regulation are similar to the requirements under the Existing Regulation. One of the differences is that, under the Proposed Regulation, an applicant must provide information regarding their past and present conduct that relates to any profession in Ontario or another jurisdiction, not just the profession or another health profession.

### **Registration Requirements for a Specialty Certificate of Registration**

The Proposed Regulation sets out the registration requirements for each of the five specialties (radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography). They are as follows:

1. Educational program - An applicant must have successfully completed a program in the specialty which was offered in a Canadian institution and was approved by a body or bodies designated by the Council or by the Council itself at the time the applicant completed the program. For an applicant who completed a program outside Canada, their program must be considered by the Registration Committee to be substantially similar to an approved Canadian program.
2. Examinations - An applicant must have successfully completed one or more of the examinations approved by the Council in the specialty.

3. Clinical practice - An applicant must have engaged in clinical practice in the specialty, or completed the educational program described above, within the last five years.
4. Competence to practise – An applicant whose educational program was offered outside Canada must satisfy the Registration Committee that they are competent to practise in the specialty.
5. Same specialty - An applicant must meet all of the above requirements in the same specialty or, in the case of the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography, in the same area of practice within the specialty (ie. general sonography, cardiac sonography or vascular sonography).
6. Fees – All applicants must pay the application fee and the fee for registration required by by-law.
7. Successful completion of the examination(s) approved by the Council is a non-exemptible requirement.

In substance, the registration requirements for a specialty certification of registration under the Proposed Regulation are not materially different from those under the Existing Regulation. Here are some of the differences. The Proposed Regulation streamlines the Existing Regulation by dealing with all five specialties in one section. The Proposed Regulation does not have schedules which list the approved programs for each of the specialties. Instead, the approved educational programs are those offered at a Canadian institution which have been approved by the Council or a body designated by the Council (ie. an accreditation body designated by the Council). For many years, the Council has used an accreditation body to approve educational programs in Canada (in the past, the Conjoint Accreditation Committee of the Canadian Medical Association and, more recently, Accreditation Canada).

### **Registration Requirements for Labour Mobility Applicants**

The Proposed Regulation addresses the registration requirements for an applicant who already holds a certificate of registration with a regulatory authority in another province in one of the specialties. The certificate of registration from the out-of-province regulatory authority must be equivalent to the certificate of registration issued by the CMRITO. The registration requirements for labour mobility applicants under the Proposed Regulation are the same as those set out in the Existing Regulation.

### **Conditions for Members who hold a Certificate of Registration**

The Proposed Regulation requires all members to comply with certain conditions. They are to provide the CMRITO with information that relates to conduct matters (namely, findings of guilt for any offence, findings of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity or an investigation or proceeding involving an allegation of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity). There is also a condition related to maintaining professional liability insurance.

For members who hold a specialty certificate of registration, they are required:

1. to engage in competent practice within every five-year period in at least one of the specialties in which the member holds a certificate of registration.
2. to practise only in the areas of the profession in which the member is educated and experienced.

In the Proposed Regulation, a member must provide information regarding findings of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity or investigations or proceedings involving allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity relating to another profession in Ontario or the profession or another profession in another jurisdiction. Under the Existing Regulation, a member must provide the same information as it relates to another health profession in Ontario or the profession or another health profession in another jurisdiction.

### **Title**

In the Proposed Regulation, a member who uses the title “medical radiation and imaging technologist” may only use the abbreviation “MRIT”. The Proposed Regulation also sets out the titles and abbreviations for each specialty as follows:

Specialty	Title	Abbreviation
Radiography	Medical Radiation Technologist — Radiography	MRT(R)
Radiation Therapy	Medical Radiation Technologist — Radiation Therapy; or Medical Radiation Technologist — Radiation Therapist	MRT(T)
Nuclear Medicine	Medical Radiation Technologist — Nuclear Medicine	MRT(N)
Magnetic Resonance	Medical Radiation Technologist — Magnetic Resonance	MRT(MR)
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	DMS

Only a member who holds the appropriate specialty certificate of registration is authorized to use the title or abbreviation related to that specialty.

The specialty titles and abbreviations set out in the Proposed Regulation are the same as those set out in the Existing Regulation, except for one difference. The difference is that in the Proposed Regulation, there is no alternate title or abbreviation for diagnostic medical sonography.