

**REGISTERED NURSES PROFESSION ACT  
O.I.C. 1993/185**

Pursuant to section 88 of the *Registered Nurses Profession Act*, the Commissioner in Executive Council orders as follows:

1. The attached Yukon Registered Nurses Association Regulations are hereby made.
2. This order comes in force on January 1, 1994.

Dated at Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 21st day of December, 1993.

*Commissioner of the Yukon*

**YUKON REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS**

**Definitions**

1. In this regulation

"Act" means the Registered Nurses Profession Act; «loi»

"prescribed" means prescribed by the bylaws of the Association; «prescrit»

"fee" includes the amount, if any, prescribed to fund payments by the Association for liability protection arranged for the benefit of members of the Association; «cotisation»

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Classes of Membership**

2. (1) Classes of membership in the Association are:
  - (a) Practising Member; and
  - (b) Non-practising Member; and
  - (c) Honorary Member; and
  - (d) Graduate Nurse Member; and
  - (e) Associate Member.

A separate roster must be maintained for each class of member.

- (2) To qualify for membership as a Practising Member, or as a Non-practising Member, or as an Associate Member, the applicant must qualify for registration and be registered under the Act and these regulations.

**Rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of membership**

3. (1) Practising Member:- In addition to the rights, duties, and responsibilities a registered nurse has under the Act a practising member is be entitled to:
  - (a) reciprocal membership in the Canadian Nurses Association and International Council of Nurses; and
  - (b) hold office, upon election thereto on the Board of Directors; and
  - (c) serve as an appointed member on any committee of the Association; and
  - (d) attend, participate in and vote at meetings of the Association; and

- (e) use the designation Registered Nurse or the abbreviations RN or Reg. N.
- (2) Non-practising Member:- An applicant's name shall be entered on the roster of non-practising members after payment of the non-practising membership fee for the current year, if the applicant is not engaged in active practice of nursing in this Territory, or is a non-resident of this Territory. A Non-practising member is entitled to:
  - (a) attend and participate in, but not vote at meetings of the Association; and
  - (b) serve as a member on any committee of the Association but shall not hold the position of chairman of such a committee; and
  - (c) Non-practising members shall not be eligible for nomination to any office of the Association.
- (3) Honorary Member:- Honorary membership may, by resolution of the Board, be granted to any person who has rendered distinguished service or valuable assistance to the nursing profession. An honorary member is entitled to the same rights and privileges as a non-practising member, along with any other rights and privileges granted by the Board. An honorary member may maintain active practising membership if such member meets the stated requirements and pays the dues as specified.
- (4) Graduate Nurse Member:- A graduate nurse who is completing requirements for being registered may hold a temporary permit. A temporary permit hold is entitled to:
  - (a) attend and participate in, but not vote at meetings of the Association; and
  - (b) serve as a member on any committee of the Association but shall not hold the position of chairperson of such committee.
- (5) Associate Member:- Associate members who reside outside this Territory, is entitled to:
  - (a) reciprocal membership in the Canadian Nurses Association and the International Council of Nurses; and
  - (b) receive the YRNA newsletter; and
  - (c) attend, but not vote at meetings of the Association.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **Application for initial registration**

- 4. A person applying to the Registrar for initial registration on the Register of Registered Nurses must:
  - (a) meet the requirements of section 7; and
  - (b) produce satisfactory evidence that they are willing and able to comply with the Association's code of ethics, that there is no ground for the Registrar to reasonably conclude that they will not comply with the code of ethics, that there is no relevant legal or disciplinary proceeding pending against them, and that they are not currently serving punishment for any relevant offence or breach of ethics; and
  - (c) if the applicant's first language is not English, provide satisfactory evidence that they are competent in and have a comprehension of the English language sufficient to enable them to practise as registered nurse in the Yukon; and
  - (d) submit any documents that may be required by the Registrar to consider the application to determine whether requirements have been met.

### **Applicants from Yukon Nursing Education Programs**

5. An applicant for registration who furnishes such evidence to the Board as it may require that the applicant, within the last five years:

- (a) is a graduate of a Yukon Nursing Education Program which has been approved by the resolution of the Board; and
- (b) has applied in writing for registration in the form prescribed by the board; and
- (c) has passed such registration examinations as may be approved from time to time by a resolution of the Board; and
- (d) has paid the registration fee; and
- (e) has successfully completed any required refresher program; and
- (f) has received a degree in Nursing;

is entitled to become a member of the Association and to have the applicant's name entered on the Register and in the appropriate roster.

### **Applicants who graduated elsewhere**

6. An applicant for registration who furnishes such evidence to the Board as it may require that the applicant:

- (a) is registered or eligible for registration as a nurse in a Province or Territory of Canada; and
- (b) has applied in writing for registration in the form prescribed by the Board; and
- (c) has paid the registration fee; and
- (d) has in the past five years worked 1125 hours in nursing or has successfully completed a refresher program or diploma or degree in nursing;

is entitled to become a member of the Association and to have the applicant's name entered in the Register and the appropriate roster.

### **Renewal of registration**

7. (1) The Registrar shall issue an Annual Certificate to a person who has paid the prescribed fee and:

- (a) whose name has been entered in the Register; and
- (b) who has met the conditions of subsection 7(2); and
- (c) who is not currently subject to any disciplinary findings which would prohibit the practice of nursing.

(2) An applicant for initial registration or for renewal of registration shall not be issued an annual certificate unless they establish that, in the five years preceding the application they:

- (a) completed 1125 hours or more satisfactory nursing practice as a registered nurse; or
- (b) successfully completed a basic nursing education program at an approved school of nursing; or
- (c) were granted a degree in nursing; or
- (d) successfully completed a refresher course in nursing satisfactory to the Board.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 7(2), an applicant may be granted an annual certificate if the Registration Committee is satisfied that the applicant:

- (a) has satisfactory practical experience or an educational record or a combination of practical experience and an educational record considered by the committee to be equivalent to at least one of the requirements of subsection 7(2); or

- (b) has demonstrated an effort to meet the requirements of subsection 7(2) but due to special circumstances has been unable to do so but should nevertheless be granted an annual certificate.

### **Temporary permits**

- 8. (1) An applicant may be granted a temporary permit if the applicant:
  - (a) meets the requirements for membership as outlined in paragraphs 5(1)(a), (b), and (c) or 6(1)(a) and (b);
  - (b) pays the prescribed fee.
- (2) A temporary permit entitles the applicant to practice nursing in the Yukon during the specific dates noted on the register.

## **REGISTERS AND ROSTERS**

- 9. The Register of Registered Nurses established in the Act shall contain, with respect to each person entered on the Register:
  - (a) name, date of birth, address; and
  - (b) initial date of registration as a registered nurse; and
  - (c) information as to registration in any other province, state, or country if applicable;
  - (d) employment status; and
  - (e) education, including the school of nursing attended; and
  - (f) historical information relevant to the person; and
  - (g) a note of any reprimand, suspension, or sanction imposed by the Discipline Committee or the Appeals Committee; and
  - (h) any other matters as the Board may prescribe.