



BC COLLEGE OF NURSES & MIDWIVES

As of Sept. 1, 2020, the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) and the College of Midwives of British Columbia (CMBC) amalgamated to create a new regulatory body: **British Columbia College of Nurses & Midwives (BCCNM)**.

The document you are about to access reflects our most current information about this topic, but you'll notice the content refers to the previous regulatory college that published this document prior to Sept. 1, 2020.

We appreciate your patience while we work towards updating all of our documents to reflect our new name and brand.

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Temporary (emergency) Registration

Dear Midwives,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and potential impact on the health care system in BC, I as the Registrar of the College of Midwives of British Columbia (CMBC) have declared an emergency situation and have made the Temporary (emergency) class of registration available. This is based on a provision in the CMBC bylaws that allows for qualified registrants/applicants to be registered in this registration class solely for the purpose of providing assistance during an emergency situation.

I am writing to you, in particular if you are a Non-practising registrant, General registrant who plans to renew as Non-practising and a recently retired midwife, to consider registering under this class to provide assistance if an emergency need is identified in your community.

Application and registration fees will be waived as long as Non-practising registrants or former registrants returning to practice are able to describe the need identified in their community/area of practice with regards to the pandemic crisis and how their return to practice will help meet that need.

Temporary (emergency) registration may be granted for a period of up to 90 days and renewed for one or more additional periods of up to 90 days during the time of a Registrar-declared emergency.

Please note that Temporary (emergency) registrants may practice full scope midwifery provided they hold current certificates in neonatal resuscitation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency skills. If they do not hold current competencies, they may provide pre-natal and post-partum care only. It is also important to note that the [Policy on Continuing Competencies](#) has been updated to define "current" differently during a pandemic. Those with NRP, CPR and ESW completed within the last three years will be deemed current. In order to be eligible for Temporary (emergency) registration you also need to have practiced within the past three years.

If you are interested in returning to practice under this class of registration solely for the purpose of providing assistance during the current emergency situation, please submit to CMBC by email or fax an application for Temporary (emergency) registration, which can be accessed from the [CMBC website](#) or requested from CMBC at qa@cmbc.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Louise Aerts
Registrar & Executive Director