



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
**COLLEGE OF
DENTAL HYGIENISTS** INC.

POLICY NAME: NLCDH CPR Requirement

DEVELOPED BY: The Executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dental Hygienists

APPROVAL BY: NLCDH executive

DATE: December 4, 2019

OVERVIEW OF POLICY:

It is recognized that the majority of regulatory bodies for dental hygiene in Canada require dental hygienists to be certified in CPR skills.

Where dental hygiene regulatory authorities in Canada have a CPR requirement, a number of authorities indicate that CPR training should be updated minimally every 3 years.

Many organizations provide education and certification in CPR and CPR is a learned skill that must be practiced on a periodic basis to ensure competency.

Courses offered by the St. John Ambulance in CPR generally recommend yearly update of CPR but indicate that the decision of the frequency of renewal is the decision of the institution/employer.¹

The NLCDH, as per The Canadian Red Cross, acknowledges that CPR/AED level A or C expires within 1095 days (3 years) after the certification has been issued, however recertification courses can be taken before the certification expires which renews the certification for another 1095 days.²

POLICY: The NLCDH will not recognize CPR training for accumulation of CE credits. CPR certification will be recognized for a period of three years (1095 days) from the date of issue. Recertification, prior to certification expiry will renew certification for another three years (1095 days).

¹ <http://www.sja.ca/English/Courses-and-Training/Pages/Certification-Information.aspx>

² Letter of correspondence from The Canadian Red Cross, dated November 19, 2019.

NLCDH members will be required to maintain current CPR Level C with AED or Health Care Provider Level CPR. The registrant will be required to maintain current certification; such renewal period will not be greater than three (3) years.

CPR training must be taken at a recognized institution such as Heart and Stroke Foundation, St. John Ambulance or the Canadian Red Cross or be delivered by an individual designated by either of these institutions to instruct CPR. The CPR course must include practical “hands on” instruction and return demonstrations.

Online CPR education, certification/recertification by any institution will not be accepted.

CPR Certification must be current for the duration of registration.

PROCEDURE:

1. Registrants must provide certified copies of a current CPR certificate to the NLCHP upon initial registration.
2. Registrants must provide a certified copy of up-to-date CPR on the renewal of registration application each year indicating the date of issue of their current CPR certificate. A false declaration will be subject to disciplinary action by the NLCHP.
3. Registrants must maintain a CE/PD portfolio that includes CPR certificates, and retain CPR certificates for a minimum of 5 years.

REFERENCES:

College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Newfoundland and Labrador (CTCMPANL): Policy-First Aid and CPR-2014

College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO):
Guidelines for Continuing Competency.
<http://www.cdho.org/Reference/English/SectionF.pdf>

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Proof of current CPR Level C with AED or HCP (Health Care Provider.)

POLICY HISTORY: Original Policy August 19, 2015

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