



New Brunswick College of Pharmacists Ordre des pharmaciens du Nouveau-Brunswick

Frequently Asked Questions: First Aid & CPR Requirements

What are the requirements for certification in First Aid & CPR?

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on a direct client care register must maintain certification equivalent to the following:

- First Aid: Emergency, Workplace or Standard First Aid
 - Pharmacy professionals are expected (and empowered) to select the appropriate level of First Aid training based on their individual competence and practice needs.
- CPR: Level C

The requirements recognize pharmacists' and pharmacy technicians' use of professional judgment in selecting the certification level (according to requirements), the provider and the mode of delivery.

I'm confused. Didn't the requirements *just* change?

The change communicated in 2021 requiring certification equivalent to the Canadian Red Cross *Workplace First Aid* is now revoked and the new requirements as described above are effective immediately.

The College continually reviews guidance and regulations to ensure they are still appropriate for the current practice environment and in alignment with patient care needs. This change was carefully considered through analysis of the College's previous guidance on, and changes to, First Aid & CPR requirements, a jurisdictional scan of other provinces and feedback from pharmacy professionals.

I found a reputable provider for First Aid & CPR training but the program is only offered online. Does that meet the requirements?

The new requirements recognize pharmacists' and pharmacy technicians' use of professional judgment in selecting the certification level (according to requirements), the provider and the mode of delivery. The College is not mandating an in-person component to training.

Do I need to take a new course now or can I wait until my certification expires?

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are not expected to undertake early retraining if their current level of First Aid & CPR level C is still valid and meets the current requirement as described above.

Valid certification in First Aid & CPR is a requirement of licensure for all pharmacy professionals who provide patient care (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) in New Brunswick. When current certification expires, recertification is required according to the requirements as described above.