

**Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses  
Regulatory Bylaw Amendments 2017  
Side-by-Side Comparison of Existing Bylaws with Proposed Amendments**

<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<p>4(1) In addition to meeting the requirements set out in subsection 19(1) of the Act, a person applying under that subsection for admission to membership and initial licensure must:</p> <p>(a) apply within five years of successful completion of a recognized practical nurse education program;</p>	<p>4(1) In addition to meeting the requirements set out in subsection 19(1) of the Act, a person applying under that subsection for admission to membership and initial licensure must:</p> <p>apply within five years of successful completion of a recognized practical nurse education program <u>or a program that council determines is equivalent</u>;</p>	<p>This amendment is required so that changes in ss 4(2) can be made (see below).</p>
<p>(2) Where an applicant for admission under subsection (1) has completed an educational program that is alleged to be equivalent to a practical nurse education program recognized by the council, the applicant must provide an assessment of equivalency from an agency acceptable to council and any other information that council may require to determine equivalency.</p>	<p>4(2) Where an applicant for admission under subsection (1) has completed an educational program that is alleged to be equivalent to a recognized practical nurse education program, the applicant must provide:</p> <p>(a) an assessment of equivalency from an agency acceptable to council and any other information that the council may require to determine equivalency; and</p> <p>(b) proof that the applicant will have sufficient registered working hours to qualify for licensure in accordance with clause 10(1)(a).</p>	<p>Applications from Internationally educated applicants can take a significant time to process because of the difficulties of establishing equivalency between the applicant's educational program and meeting the licensure requirements to practice in Saskatchewan, ie: English Language Proficiency Testing. This, as well as the timing of the application, can result in the applicant being eligible for membership, but not licensure. This amendment ties the registration and licensure provisions together, so that a person who is registered will also be licensed.</p>
<p>None.</p>	<p><b>Resignation on medical or other grounds</b></p>	<p>“This provision was in a previous edition of the SALPN bylaws and was</p>

	<p>8.1(1) The council may, on the recommendation of the registrar, accept the resignation of a licensed practical nurse who wishes to resign his or her membership in SALPN for medical or other reasons acceptable to the council.</p> <p>(2) Where the resignation of a member is accepted by the council, the registrar shall note in the register the reasons for which the member has resigned, and that notation shall be provided to any person who inquires as to the former member's membership status.</p> <p>(3) A member whose resignation is accepted by the council may apply to be reinstated as a member and shall, in addition to meeting all other requirements for registration as a member pursuant to the Act and the bylaws, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the council that the reasons that resulted in his or her resignation from SALPN no longer exist.</p>	<p>taken out when the bylaws were revised in 2013. On reflection, it is thought useful to have such a provision because it allows a member to resign for issues related to a member's ability to practice safely and competently (eg. Fitness to Practice). However, the reason for the member's resignation are recorded in the SALPN Register.</p> <p>In the event a member wishes to return to practice, they may only be granted a reinstatement of their license at the point in which the concerns underlying the member's resignation have been appropriately addressed.”</p>
<p>12 A licensed practical nurse who is eligible for licensure but is not currently employed or practising as a licensed practical nurse in Saskatchewan or working in licensed practical nurse activities described in clause 10(1)(a), may obtain a non-practising certificate on payment of the prescribed fee, which entitles the member to continue to receive notices and</p>	<p>12 A licensed practical nurse who is eligible for licensure but is not currently employed or practising as a licensed practical nurse in Saskatchewan or working in licensed practical nurse activities described in clause 10(1)(a), may obtain a non-practising certificate on payment of the prescribed fee, which entitles the member to continue to receive notices and</p>	<p>This is a housekeeping amendment to change the reference to continuing education portfolio points to continuing education hours, to be consistent with the terminology changes made in 2016.</p>

<p>newsletters from SALPN and to accumulate continuing education portfolio points.</p>	<p>newsletters from SALPN and to accumulate continuing education <u>hours</u>.</p>	
<p>none</p>	<p><b>Recognition of practical nurse education programs</b>  27.1 The council may recognize practical nurse education programs or registration under clause 19(1)(c) of the Act that in its opinion meet the standards for approval set out in SALPN’s Basic Program Approval document, dated *201*”.</p>	<p>Clause 14(2)(i) of the <i>Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000</i> allows regulatory bylaws to be made “governing the approval of education programs for purposes of registration pursuant to this Act and prescribing terms and conditions for initial or continued approval of those programs”.</p> <p>The addition of this bylaw will adopt SALPN’s Basic Program Approval document, which will act as guide to assess educational programs acceptable for registration.</p>