

Vulnerable Sector Checks Policy

Consultation Summary

Background

As part of its mandate of regulating the Respiratory Therapy profession in the public interest, the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) must ensure that applicants' past and present conduct affords reasonable grounds for belief that they will practice with decency, integrity, and honesty and in accordance with the law.

Recognizing that RTs treat patients who are often in extremely vulnerable positions, the CRTO developed the new policy under which applicants for registration will be required (effective Sept. 1, 2024) to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) as part of their application for registration.

To enhance registration procedures, the CRTO developed the Vulnerable Sector Check Policy after thorough research and legal review. The draft policy was approved for public consultation at the December 2023 Council meeting, signifying progress towards transparent and diligent registration practices.

Consultation Feedback Details

The draft Vulnerable Sector Check Policy was made available for consultation on the CRTO website on January 12, 2024. A link to the consultation survey was prominently displayed on the CRTO's website homepage slider and was also shared across CRTO's social media platforms.

A total of 33 views were recorded for the consultation survey, with one respondent completing it. The respondent praised the clarity and comprehensibility of the policy's language. No changes were made to the policy as a result of the feedback received.

Date consultation opened for feedback: January 12, 2024

Length of time posted for consultation: 31 Days

Date consultation closed: February 12, 2024



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Outcome

Upon the recommendation of the Registration Committee, the Council has approved the draft Vulnerable Sector Checks Policy. Following approval, CRTO staff will commence preparations to implement the policy, effective September 1, 2024. These preparations will encompass:

- Incorporating additions into the CRTO database for tracking compliance with the requirement.
- Updating application forms and relevant guides to align with the new policy.
- Crafting letter templates for use in instances where police jurisdictions require verification of the purpose for requesting a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC).
- Conducting trial runs of the application process, including VSC submissions, to ensure efficiency and seamlessness prior to the policy's official launch in September 2024.

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

33

VIEWED

1

COMPLETED

3%

Completed
(Views vs. Completions)



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