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## Currency of Practice

*This policy has been developed to describe the minimum requirements for currency of practice experience for physicians applying for registration in Prince Edward Island (PEI) and for those currently practicing in PEI.*

### Policy:

To be considered current and to maintain currency of practice, a General, Provisional, or Special Registered physician must be engaged in clinical practice, as the most responsible physician, for at least 450 hours of the previous 3 years.

For **Physician Assistants**, the Physician Assistant must be engaged in clinical practice for at least 450 hours within the last 3 years.

For **Podiatrists**, the Podiatrist must be engaged in clinical practice for at least 450 hours within the last 3 years.

\*450 hours is derived from a previous policy in which physicians were required to work a minimum of half-time clinical practice for at least 6 months of the previous 3 years. Half-time was calculated with the assumption that full time practice is 1800 hours per year. Half-time would thus be 900 hours per year. A physician working half-time for six months would have worked 450 hours.

For **Associate Physicians**, the associate physician must be engaged in clinical practice for at least 450 hours within the last 5 years.

For **Clinical Assistants**, the clinical assistant must be engaged in clinical practise for at least 450 hours within the last 5 years.

### Applicable Legislation:

**Regulated Health Professions Act** Section 12(2) (f)

**Medical Practitioners Regulations** Section 6(4)(b), 9(4)(b), 17(4)(b) and 20(4)(b)

**Physician Assistants Regulations** Section 10

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