

PRACTICING LICENSE

The Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists issues Advisory Statements to provide guidance to members on practice issues. This Advisory address the Practicing License and the classifications, or domains of practice under that license.

BACKGROUND

The NSCP has two Categories that describe membership type: Practicing or Non-Practicing. In the Non-Practicing Category we have a number of sub-categories that help explain why the PT is not practicing e.g. NP(LOA) Non-practicing Leave of Absence, Non Practicing in NS: for those licensed by NSCP but practicing in another country or province and Non Practicing (Seeking Employment). Physiotherapists in the Non-Practicing categories cannot practice in NS without having their Category switched to Practicing.

In the Practicing Category we had the categories Practicing or Practicing Sponsored. This has created problems with HR reporting and with the mandatory Portfolios reviews. In response to these concerns...

The NSCP is pleased to announce that effective April 26, 2017 the Board of Directors has added another sub-category to the Practicing category: Practicing Non-Clinical or Practicing NC.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that in order to continue to be registered in the General Register; as **Practicing**; you must continue to meet the 1200 clinical hours in the previous 5 years requirement for registration and license renewal. You must also meet the 200 CE hours in the previous 5 years requirement and partake in the Quality Practice Activities (Jurisprudence Exam, Portfolio Review, and On-site Practice Reviews)

Alternately, you will have the choice of switching to the **Practicing NC** category, you will have no obligation to meet the CE and Practice Hour requirements, nor will you need to partake in the Portfolio or on-site reviews and you will remain in the General Register as Practicing NC. **The choice is yours – as a self-regulated professional, practicing under the Physiotherapy Act in NS, you will be required to assess whether your professional role allows you to successfully maintain competency as a Practicing physiotherapist, whether your work and/or volunteer hours count as enough clinical practicing hours, and whether you are able to provide a completed portfolio.**

PRACTICING NC VS PRACTICING:

Practicing NC

Do not need to meet 1200 clinical hours rule.
 Do not need to Maintain 200 CE Hours
 Do not need to undergo Portfolio Review process
 Must Complete Jurisprudence exam
 No Onsite Practice Review

Practicing

Maintain 1200 clinical hours
 Maintain 200 CE hours
 Complete Portfolio Review every 5 years
 Must Complete Jurisprudence exam
 Participate in Onsite Practice Review

Can make Use of PT title
Appear in General register as “Practicing NC”
Have right to own clinic(s)
Cannot Sponsor or Mentor
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Your choice, let the office know if you wish to switch: office@nsphysio.com

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