REGISTRATION POLICY

Criminal Record Check

Introduction

Inquiries into applicants’ backgrounds are a standard part of the licensure process of health care professionals. These checks are meant to identify instances of relevant threats to the public that may warrant conditions on an applicant’s licence or denial of a licence.

As set out in section 4(l)(e) of the Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations, the NSCP requires that the results of a criminal record check be submitted at time of application. Requiring applicants to use the same online service for criminal record checks assures consistency and completeness of information received by the NSCP.

Purpose

To promote efficiency, consistency, completeness and transparency in meeting criminal record check requirements.

Policy

1. Applicants will provide the required criminal record check using the services of an online vendor identified by the College who has agreed to include local police information, and international criminal record checks where applicable.
2. The criminal record check must have been conducted within three months of submitting all of the requirements for registration and licensure.

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