

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: June 16, 2020
Re: Newly Licensed Pharmacists

The NSCP was given authority from the Nova Scotia government in mid-April to make special provisions so that new pharmacy graduates could be granted a pharmacist licence to meet pharmacy workforce demands arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. These licences were granted with the condition that the newly licensed pharmacist only practice when there is another licensed pharmacist present.

In light of anticipated further waves of COVID-19 and PEBC's challenges in offering the Part II OSCE exam, an additional provision has been made so that **newly licensed graduates who have completed their postgraduate unstructured practice experience requirements may be able to practice without another licensed pharmacist physically present, as long as another licensed pharmacist employed by the pharmacy is immediately accessible (e.g., by phone)**. Further details about eligibility requirements for this provision have been communicated to the newly licensed pharmacists.

Pharmacy managers and practitioners can use the [Find a Practitioner](#) tool on the NSCP website to confirm licensure. Details of the condition under which a specific newly licensed pharmacist must practice can be confirmed by contacting Tracey Chiasson, Registrations and Quality Assurance Associate, at 902-422-8528 ext. 240.