

Mutual Recognition Agreement for the Profession of Pharmacy in Canada

General

Our Provincial/Territorial boards have reviewed and approved this Agreement. Copies of this Agreement will be filed with each of the provincial/territorial and federal Labour Mobility Coordinators

Purpose

We, the undersigned, enter into this Mutual Recognition Agreement in order to comply with our obligations under the Agreement on Internal Trade, Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility). The purpose of this Mutual Recognition Agreement is to establish the conditions under which a pharmacist who is licensed/registered in one Canadian jurisdiction will have his/her qualifications recognized in another Canadian jurisdiction which is a Party to this Agreement.

Mobility Principles

1. There is a threshold level of competent practice required for public protection.
2. Each Province/Territory respects the fact that other Provinces/Territories set and implement standards for competent practice in good faith.
3. There is more than one method to achieve and assess competence.

Agreement

1. We, the undersigned, agree that the practice of pharmacy has a high degree of commonality among jurisdictions across Canada.
2. We, the undersigned, agree that the Professional Competencies for Canadian Pharmacists at Entry-to-Practice (April 26 1997), developed by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) and forming the basis of NAPRA's Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists (April 5 1998), the National Model Licensing Program and the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada's "Educational Outcomes", is representative of the high degree of commonality in the practice of pharmacy among signatories to this Agreement. It is understood that these documents will evolve over time as required to meet the needs of the Canadian public.
3. We, the undersigned, agree to abide by this Mutual Recognition Agreement among Provincial/Territorial regulators and will take action in our respective jurisdictions to seek legislative and regulatory amendments to give effect to the terms of this Agreement.
4. We, the undersigned, agree to recognize the qualifications of a pharmacist who is licensed/registered in the jurisdiction of a signatory on July 1, 2001 and to register/license such pharmacist into an equivalent or comparable registration/license.

Further, we agree to recognize the qualifications of a pharmacist who is licensed/registered in the jurisdiction of a signatory after July 1, 2001 under the following conditions:

- He/she has completed an accredited degree program in Pharmacy,
 - He/she has attained the language requirements of the jurisdiction at a level consistent with the "Language Fluency Requirements for Licensure as a Pharmacist in Canada",
 - He/she has attained the competencies prescribed in "Pharmacy Jurisprudence Competencies for Licensure as a Pharmacist in Canada", and can demonstrate competence in jurisprudence specific to the province/territory in which registration is being sought;
 - He/she has successfully completed a structured practical training program consistent with "A Framework for Assessing Canadian Pharmacists' Competencies at Entry-to-Practice Through Structured Practical Training Programs", and
 - He/she has successfully completed a licensing examination based on the "Professional Competencies for Canadian Pharmacists at Entry-to-Practice (April 26, 1997)", and approved by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities.
5. We, the undersigned, agree that at the time of application, the applicant will have:
 - met other provincial requirements specific to his/her moral character, reputation, and professional standing,
 - met other provincial/territorial requirements specific to his/her scope of practice,
 - provided evidence, where applicable, that they have successfully met the standards set out in the "National Model Continuing Competence Program for Canadian Pharmacists", or until such time that this Program is implemented, those standards set out in a continuing competence program of their current jurisdiction and,
 - provided written verification of standing from all jurisdictions in which they are currently licensed and declared all jurisdictions in which they have been previously licensed.

Maintenance and Administration of the Agreement

This Agreement is a dynamic and evolving instrument that may be amended. We, the undersigned, agree to initiate periodic reviews of the Agreement no less than every two years after July 1, 2001.

It is acknowledged that the Provincial/Territorial Regulatory Authorities for Quebec, the Northwest Territories and Yukon are not signatories at the time this Agreement was signed. The signatories remain committed, however, to consider ways that could lead eventually to the participation of these jurisdictions as signatories.

Withdrawal

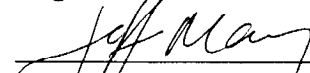
A signatory, following consultation with the respective Provincial/Territorial Labour Mobility Coordinator, may withdraw from this Agreement 6 months after it gives notice with rationale to all other Parties of its intention.

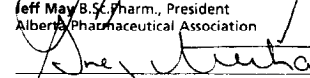
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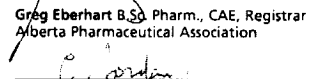
When a signatory is proposing to add or amend a licensure requirement that might impact on this Agreement, we, the undersigned agree to notify all other signatories of the proposed change and the particulars thereof, and afford them an opportunity for its review prior to implementation.

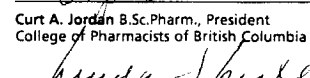
Signed this 9th day of April 2000

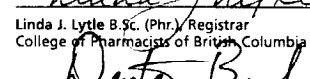
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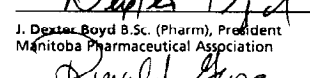

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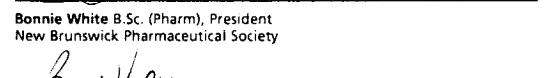

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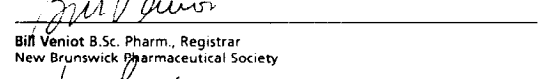

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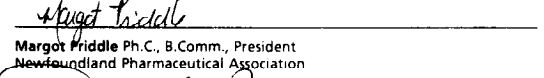

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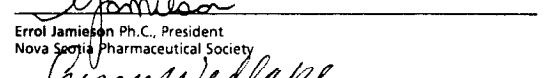

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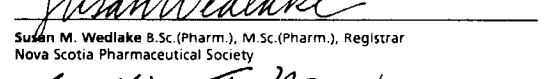

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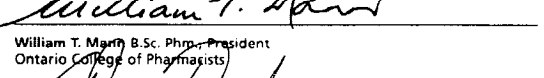

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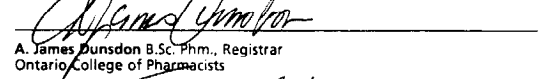

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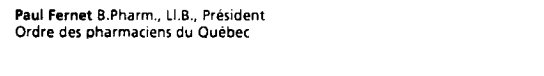

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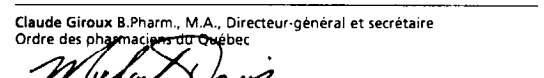

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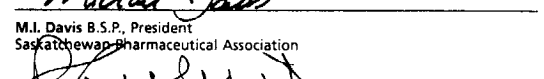

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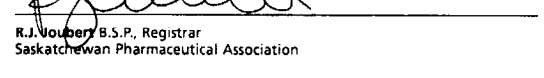

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