

L-07 Temporary Registration of Retired Manitoban Respiratory Therapists Applying to Assist in Emergency Situations Policy

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

In the event of a pandemic, there is a mechanism for temporary registration of Retired Manitoban Respiratory Therapists who are willing to assist with an emergency or health crisis in Manitoba.

2. DEFINITIONS

None

3. POLICY

According to the Manitoba Registered Respiratory Therapists Act:

Registration if emergency

10.1(1) Despite anything in this Act or the regulations, the board may waive any requirements for registration under this Act and the regulations to allow a person who is authorized to practice respiratory therapy in another jurisdiction in Canada or the United States to practice respiratory therapy in the province during an emergency, if the minister gives the board written notice that

(a) a public health emergency exists in all or part of the province; and

(b) he or she has determined, after consulting with public health officials and any other persons that the minister considers advisable, that the services of a

respiratory therapist from outside the province are required to assist in dealing with the emergency.

Emergency need not be declared

10.1(2) The board may exercise its authority under subsection (1) even if no emergency has been declared under an enactment of Manitoba or Canada

Currently, retired RTs may be registered in Manitoba provided they meet the following criteria for registration if they:

- i. Previously held an Active Practicing license with MARRT,
- ii. were a member in good standing
- iii. have worked a total of 720 hours during the previous four years.

The MARRT Board of Directors authorizes the Registrar to issue a temporary license and to waive the application and registration fees for an initial 90 days for a retired applicant who is applying for an active-practicing license for the purpose of assisting with an emergency situation or health crisis in Manitoba. Should the situation extend beyond 90 days the Registrar is authorized to extend the temporary license another 90 days.

Should the retired member wish to return to practice beyond the 180 day period, the Registrar will require the member to pay the applicable fees at that time in order to be granted an active practicing license and to continue working in Manitoba.

4. REFERENCES

None