

# L-09 Temporary Practicing Student Respiratory Therapist License

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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

As part of the Covid-19 2020 Pandemic Plan strategy, MARRT recognizes there may be a need to grant students a temporary practicing license before they have completed their Respiratory Therapy education program. To enable this to occur the new temporary license category, Temporary Practicing Student Respiratory Therapist (TPSRT), will be used with the applicable conditions and restrictions placed upon the license. TPSRT's must practice under the general supervision (ability to communicate with an RRT face to face, via telephone, or some other means within a reasonable time frame) of a Registered Respiratory Therapist who has no conditions or restrictions on their license.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

None

## 3. POLICY

The MARRT has granted the Registrar the authority to grant temporary practicing student licenses to 3<sup>rd</sup> year clinical students whose name has been put forward by the education program. The Temporary Practicing Student Respiratory Therapist license will have the following conditions and restrictions attached to it:

### Conditions:

The professional designation for legal recording purposes is "Temporary Practicing Student Respiratory Therapist" or "TPSRT".

1. The TPSRT must provide record of currency regarding mask fit testing.

2. The TPSRT must provide a summary of NCF competencies where entry to practice has been achieved and those competencies in progress.
3. The TPSRT must demonstrate to the employer the competencies related to the proper use of preventative measures to ensure health and safety. See NCF Core Competency B7: 7.1, 7.2. TPSRT to indicate to the Registrar that they have received the applicable education and training during orientation as soon as possible.
4. Employers must ensure there is one registered respiratory therapist (RRT), with no conditions or restrictions on their license, for every two TPSRTs on site at any time.
5. The TPSRT may not supervise students.
6. TPSRT licenses will expire after 45 days or immediately once the crisis is declared over by the government of Manitoba, whichever occurs first.
7. If the pandemic extends beyond 45 days, the Registrar has the authority to renew the TPSRT license for an additional 45 days.
8. Following expiry of the temporary graduate license, these individuals will be required to successfully complete the remaining requirements of their Respiratory Therapy Education Program. They will not be referred to challenge the MARRT credentialing examination until proof of successful completion of the education program has been received.

## Restrictions

1. TPSRTs are restricted from using any skills/competencies included in the National Competency Framework that the education program has not deemed them complete/proficient in.
2. TPSRTs are prohibited from providing **any patient care**:
  - in the Intensive Care Units being used for the treatment of COVID positive or suspect patients;
  - to COVID-19 positive or suspect positive patients on any ward.

3. TPSRT's are prohibited from providing **direct** (can still assist RRT) **patient care** in the Emergency Department.
4. TPSRTs are prohibited from working nights or weekends, secondary to reduced staffing complements.
5. TPSRTs may not transcribe verbal orders into the patient record.
6. TPSRTs are not authorized to utilize care protocols, care maps or other care algorithms where the care provided would otherwise require a physician's order.

#### 4. REFERENCES

None