

College of Chiropractors of British Columbia

Standard First Aid with CPR-C requirements

Questions and Answers– First Aid with CPR-C requirements

1. Why is certification in Standard First Aid with CPR-C required?

First Aid certification is a requirement for graduation from a CCE accredited Chiropractic School. The College must act in the public interest and now requires all full registrants to maintain first aid and CPR certification so that both new and long-standing registrants have the same level of emergency medical training. The public also has an expectation that health care professionals, especially those with the title of “doctor” have at the very least, a basic understanding of how to handle emergency health situations. International lifesaving protocols change every five years. It is critical for health care professionals to stay current. Research indicates that infrequent use and/or practice results in the loss of invaluable lifesaving skills. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada recommends that all healthcare professionals are able to perform CPR in the course of professional duties. Under Section 57(2) of CCBC Bylaws, registrants are required to have and maintain current certification in Standard First Aid with CPR-C, as a condition of renewing their registration.

2. Which Standard First Aid providers are approved by the Quality Assurance Committee of the CCBC?

The Quality Assurance Committee recognizes the following national agencies as providers of Standard First Aid/CPR-C courses: the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, the Lifesaving Society and the Canadian Ski Patrol. Registrants are able to take Standard First Aid with CPR-C courses for certification with any of the named providers, including courses that exceed the minimum requirements such as the Standard First Aid with CPR-HCP offered through St. John Ambulance which is a course developed specifically for Health Care Professionals.

3. When does the requirement for First Aid certification go into effect?

All full registrants must hold a valid First Aid certification as specified by the Quality Assurance Committee by April 30, 2017. Applicants applying and registrants reinstating after April 30, 2017 must also provide proof of valid First Aid certification before they will be eligible to practice.

4. Are registrants now required to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site where they work?

While AED training is a component of all CPR/C courses, there is no requirement in the College Bylaws for registrants to have AEDs in their practice locations. WorkSafeBC does not require an AED under current Occupational Health and Safety requirements. For more information, see the WorkSafeBC document [Automated External Defibrillators in the Workplace](#) (PDF).