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Existing Clause (if applicable)	Proposed New Clause	Rationale
<p>2. The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General. 2. REVOKED: O. Reg. 27/13, s. 24 (1). 3. Student. 4. Temporary. 5. Inactive. O. Reg. 27/13, ss. 2, 24 (1). 	<p>2. The following are prescribed as classes of certificates of registration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General. 2. REVOKED: O. Reg. 27/13, s. 24 (1). 3. Student. 4. Temporary. 5. Inactive. O. Reg. 27/13, ss. 2, 24 (1). <u>6. Emergency</u> <u>7. Provisional</u> 	<p>Section 2 sets out the available classes. The list will need to identify the Provisional class and Emergency class so that applicants and the public are mindful of the availability of this class.</p>
<p>-</p>	<p><u>Declaration of Emergency</u></p> <p><u>2.1 (1) The Council may declare that emergency circumstances exist such that it is in the public interest to issue certificates of registration in the Emergency class if:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>The College has been or will be unable to deliver the registration examinations set or approved by the Council in paragraph 6 of section 9(1) for a period of 12 months or longer; or</u> 	<p>This section sets out the criteria which will open this class of registration.</p> <p>As per the Ministry request, the College has specified the emergency circumstances that will cause the Emergency class to be open for issuance and renewal. The College has considered more than just a declared state of emergency by the Ministry, and included where the College cannot deliver the registration examinations for the specified amount of time.</p> <p>Furthermore, the College has included flexibility with the ability to trigger an emergency for any unforeseen circumstance where it is in the public interest to issue the emergency.</p>

	<p><u>2. The Minister of Health has requested the College to initiate registrations under this class based on his or her opinion that emergency circumstances exist.</u></p> <p><u>3. Any other emergency circumstance where it is in the public interest to issue a certificate in the Emergency class</u></p>	
<p>5. (1) Every certificate of registration is subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations:</p> <p>7. Subject to subsection (2), a member who holds a certificate of registration listed in Column 1 of the Table to this subsection,</p> <p>i. shall only use the titles listed in Column 2 opposite the certificate of registration, and</p> <p>ii. shall only use the designations listed in Column 3 opposite the certificate of registration, if applicable.</p>	<p><u>[table to include following rows]</u></p> <p><u>8.1.1 Emergency/ Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Emergency)/ R. TCMP (Emerg.)</u></p> <p><u>8.1.2 Emergency/ Acupuncturist (Emergency)/ R. Ac (Emerg.)</u></p> <p><u>8.2.1. Provisional/ Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Provisional)/ R. TCMP (Prov.)</u></p> <p><u>8.2.2. Provisional/ Acupuncturist (Provisional)/ R. Ac (Prov.)</u></p>	<p>Paragraph 7 of subsection 5(1) refers to the Table which identifies the class and corresponding title and designation. This table will need to be amended to identify the proper titles and designations that can be used. It is imperative that this is clear for members and the public so that improper titles and designations are not used.</p>

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<p>[sets out table identifying class, title and designation]</p>		
<p>-</p>	<p><u>Registration Requirements, Emergency class</u></p> <p><u>20.1.1 (1) The following are the registration requirements for an Emergency certificate of registration</u></p>	<p>This is a new section. This will identify all requirements that applicants must meet in order to be issued a certificate of registration in this class.</p>
<p>-</p>	<p><u>1. The applicant must have successfully completed a post-secondary program in traditional Chinese medicine program that,</u></p> <p><u>i. in the case of a full traditional Chinese medicine program, consists of at least four years of full-time education, or education that is of equivalent duration, and</u></p> <p><u>ii. in the case of a traditional Chinese medicine acupuncture program, consists of at least three years of full-time education, or education that is of equivalent duration.</u></p>	<p>These are the educational requirements. These are the same requirements that are required for the general class (see s. 9(1)). However, unlike the general class, there is no time period stipulated so an applicant could have completed their education several years prior (see s. 9(2)). These requirements are considered to be the minimum educational requirements in order to safely practise.</p>
<p>-</p>	<p><u>2. The applicant must have successfully completed a program of clinical experience in the profession that is structured, comprehensive, supervised and evaluated and which consists of at least 45</u></p>	<p>In addition to their education program, applicants are required to show that they have completed clinical training which includes direct patient contact. This ensures that the applicant has both the theoretical and clinical skills to practise safely.</p>

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	<u>weeks of clinical experience involving at least 500 hours of direct patient contact.</u>	
-	<u>3. The applicant must have successfully completed the Safety Program that was set or approved by the Council or by a body that is approved by the Council for that purpose within two preceding years of submitting the application.</u>	This requirement mirrors the requirement for the general class. The Safety Program is a low stakes program which ensures applicants are mindful and aware of the expectations regarding safe practice of TCM. However, the applicant must complete the Safety Program within two years before applying. This ensures competency and currency.
-	<u>4. The applicant must have successfully completed the jurisprudence course set or approved by the Registration Committee within the two preceding years of submitting the application.</u>	This requirement mirrors the requirement for the general class. The jurisprudence course is a low stakes assessment which ensures applicants are mindful and aware of the Ontario regulatory landscape. This assists members, and most importantly patients, to provide safe, ethical and compassionate care. However, the applicant must complete the jurisprudence course within two years before applying. This ensures competency and currency.
	<u>5. The applicant must have successfully passed an assessment conducted by a panel of the Registration Committee, or by another body that is approved by the Council for that purpose, that demonstrates that the applicant has the necessary competency to safely practise the profession as the holder of a General certificate of registration.</u>	Unlike applicants to the general class, applicants to the emergency class are not required to complete the registration examinations. However, an assessment will still be needed to ensure that the applicant's technical and clinical skills are current and safe. The Council will identify an arm's length third party to conduct the assessment.
	<u>6. A holder of a General certificate of registration who is approved by the Registrar must</u>	In order to ensure public protection, the emergency class member will practise under the supervision of a member in the general class. The supervisor will have

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	<p><u>have agreed to supervise the applicant and to be responsible for ensuring that the applicant provides appropriate and continuing care to patients.</u></p>	<p>demonstrated the required competencies for the General Class and all of the other non-exemptible requirements. The currency requirements will also have been imposed on the supervisor. This will ensure that the supervisor has the necessary competencies to supervise the emergency class member. Further, in light of the language diversity in this profession, and the need for members to communicate with the College and other stakeholders, the supervisor will be able to communicate with the emergency class member. Finally, Registrar approval for the supervisor provides another safeguard and ensures that supervisors have the necessary skill in order to take on this important role.</p>
-	<p><u>Additional terms, etc., Emergency Class</u></p> <p><u>20.1.2 (1) The following are additional terms, conditions, and limitations on every emergency certificate of registration:</u></p>	<p>This is a new section. The emergency class will have specified TCLs to reflect the less stringent entry to practise requirements (as compared to the general class).</p>
-	<p><u>1. The member may only practise traditional Chinese medicine under the supervision of the General member referred to in paragraph 6 of subsection 20.1.1 (1).</u></p>	<p>As noted, the requirement of a supervisor is to ensure public safety. The College looked to balance the need for the member to provide services against the risk of harm if the person is not yet able to perform certain tasks competently and ethically.</p>
-	<p><u>2. Upon the request of the Registrar, the member shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Registrar of the member's compliance with the terms, condition and limitation set out in paragraph 1 and shall</u></p>	<p>Another safeguard. This requirement will allow the College to ensure that the member has complied with the TCLs placed on their certificate.</p>

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	<p><u>provide such evidence within the time period set by the Registrar.</u></p>	
-	<p><u>3. The member shall practice the profession a minimum of 170 patient visits during each 12-month period that they hold registration in the Emergency class.</u></p>	<p>This requirement will allow the College to better assess the members ability to practice safely, by ensuring they remain active as a member of the Emergency Class</p>
-	<p><u>4. If a member fails to meet the condition described in paragraph 3, the Registrar shall refer the member to the Quality Assurance Committee for a peer and practice assessment unless the member:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(a) has successfully completed a refresher program approved by the Registration Committee, or</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(b) has resigned his or her Emergency certificate of registration.</u></p>	<p>This condition allows the College to effectively enforce its competency requirements to ensure public protection.</p>
-	<p><u>5. The member may not supervise another person in the practice of the profession.</u></p>	<p>In order to ensure public protection, the ability of the emergency class member to supervise such acts, including authorized controlled acts, will be restricted.</p>
-	<p><u>6. Unless stated otherwise on the certificate, a certificate of registration in the</u></p>	<p>The emergency class is not a permanent class of registration. It is intended to be in use when emergency circumstances require it, but only until the emergency is</p>

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	<u>emergency class expires one year after it is issued unless it is renewed.</u>	resolved. This time limit reflects the temporary nature of this class. However, should a prolonged emergency exist, it is necessary to allow a renewal of the certificate to ensure fairness to the member.
-	<u>7. Unless stated otherwise on the certificate, a renewed certificate of registration in the emergency class expires one year after it is issued unless it is renewed again.</u>	Emergency class certificates may be renewed for as long as the emergency circumstances exist.
-	<u>8. Despite paragraphs 6 and 7 a certificate of registration in the emergency class expires six months after the emergency as identified in section 2.1 no longer applies. I</u>	It is in the public interest that the emergency class is used only when necessary. Once the emergency circumstances no longer exist, it will be prudent to have emergency class members transfer to the general class as quickly as possible. This condition ensures a timely closure of the emergency class while it is not needed.
-	<u>Issuing General certificate to Emergency holder</u> <u>20.1.3. A member who holds a certificate of registration in the emergency class may be issued a certificate of registration in the General class if the member,</u>	The emergency class is intended to mitigate the potential disruption to Ontario's supply of regulated health professionals and serves as another pathway to registration when emergency circumstances exist. Those who will be practising the profession under an emergency class of registration must be provided with a route to continue to practising once the emergency circumstances no longer exist.
-	<u>a) applies for the certificate of registration in the General class.</u>	Before the member can the process to transfer to the general class, the College must receive a formal request to do so, through an application.

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-	<p><u>b) pays all fees as set out in the bylaws and penalties and orders owed to the College,</u></p>	<p>All members of the College are expected to pay the associated with their membership fees.</p>
-	<p><u>c) provides the College with any information that it has required of the member, and</u></p>	<p>The College may wish for the member to provide additional information to support their application to the General Class, such as information on their practice under supervision. It would not be in the public interest to permit a transfer to the general class, if the member is unable to provide such information.</p>
-	<p><u>d) If the member has held a certificate of registration in the emergency class for less than three years, the member must successfully complete the registration examinations as identified in paragraph 6 of sub-section 9(1) within two attempts. The member must attempt every set of those examinations that is offered until such time as the examinations are successfully completed or the member fails the examinations for a second time, whichever comes first.</u></p>	<p>All applicants to the General Class must demonstrate that they possess the necessary entry level competencies for the safe practice of TCM. Emergency Class members, who have not practised in the class for more than five years, will not be permitted a transfer to the General Class unless they are able to successfully pass the registration examinations.</p> <p>In acknowledgement of the time that the member has safely practiced the profession under supervision, the member will be allowed two attempts of the examination before their certificate in the Emergency Class expires</p>
-	<p><u>e) If the member has held a certificate of registration in the emergency class for three years or more, the member must:</u></p>	<p>In the case of a prolonged emergency that requires members to remain in the emergency class for a significant length of time, the College is willing to consider this extended time of supervised practice in lieu of completing the registration examination.</p>

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	<p>i. <u>satisfy a panel of the Registration Committee that he or she possesses the current knowledge, skill and judgment relating to the practice of the profession that would be expected of a member holding a General certificate of registration, or</u></p> <p><u>ii. has successfully completed such additional education, training or examination requirements determined to be necessary by a panel of the Registration Committee.</u></p>	<p>However, to ensure public safety, this section provides the College with the ability to mandate additional education, training, or examination requirements if a panel of the Registration Committee determines it is necessary.</p>
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