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# Communiqué

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This month: Cannabis queries, going inactive and town hall wrap-up

## QA Deadlines Around the Corner

If you registered in 2017, or from January 1 to August 31, 2018, your deadline to complete your new member Professional Development requirements is **November 30**. Registered in 2015 or 2016? Check your deadline on our website or attend [an info session](#) on November 15. Need assistance navigating the QA portal? There's [help for that](#), too.



Deborah Adams,  
Registrar

## Message from the Registrar

Andrew Benedetto and I just wrapped up our series of four town hall meetings across the province and the results were eye-opening. Over 200 RPs, students and stakeholders in Sudbury, London, Ottawa and Toronto came out to share information about what's happening on the ground and at CRPO as the regulation of the profession continues to evolve.

Much of the feedback from participants has been positive; each community expressed that it was helpful to make a face-to-face connection with the college and to demystify CRPO processes. Participants wrote:

*“Great event and very helpful. Learned new critical information about supervision and controlled Act.”*

*“Thank you for a very informative and interesting session. I truly*

*am a proud college member and look forward to future gatherings. Well Done!!!”*

*“The differences between what the College would do and what the Professional Association could do was clarified, as was the role of Psychologists who were supervising. I appreciated that.”*

Participants also highlighted access to care concerns regarding HST and third party insurance, as well as ongoing questions regarding clinical supervision. A video recording of the Toronto town hall is [now available here](#), and the most frequently asked questions at all four town halls will be posted on the website shortly.

Thank you to everyone who participated. CRPO is moving into a period of preparation around a strategic planning process early next year, and all of the town hall discussions we engaged in will be fed into that process.

## Cannabis Queries

Q: What does the legalization of cannabis mean for RPs?

A: The recent changes in cannabis laws do not affect the standards RPs are expected to maintain. [CRPO standards](#) state that it is considered professional misconduct to practise psychotherapy while impaired “by any condition or dysfunction or substance which the member knows or ought to know impairs his/her ability to practise.” Similarly, if an RP is aware of another health care provider who is practising while impaired, the RP may have a duty to report the individual to their regulatory college. RPs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their employers’ cannabis policies.

For general guidance on providing treatment or other services to clients who use cannabis (or any other substances that may impair judgment or functioning) for medical or recreational purposes, members are encouraged to review Professional Practice Standard 3.2: Consent and the [Informed Consent Workbook](#).

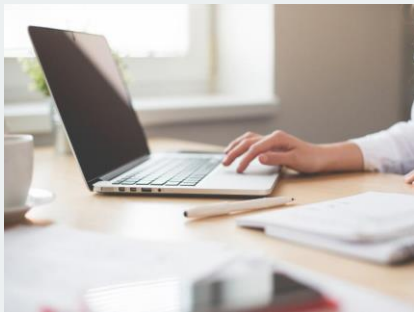
## Transferring to the Inactive Membership Category

If you are facing an illness, taking a lengthy sabbatical or stepping away from practice due to burn out, you may consider moving your CRPO registration to Inactive. Going inactive is not

intended for leaves less than 12 months.

If you will be transferring to the Inactive category for the 2019 – 2020 membership year, you must upload [this completed form](#) to your CRPO account and notify College staff by **January 15, 2019**. Members who submit forms after this date will be invoiced for the full RP annual fee.

CRPO's annual membership fees for each category can be found [here](#).



[Get the form](#)

## Changes in Information

Don't wait until renewal to change your information! All members are required to notify the CRPO within 30 days of changes to your name, home or business address, or phone number. All practice sites where you provide psychotherapy or supervise others who provide psychotherapy must also be reported to the College. To update your information, [complete this form](#), upload it to your CRPO account and notify College staff.

## Education Program Recognized

The Master of Arts in Counselling and Spirituality/Maîtrise ès arts en Counselling et Spiritualité at Saint Paul University is the latest educational program to receive recognition from CRPO. This means that the program sufficiently enables students to develop the required competencies for entry-to-practice in psychotherapy. [Visit our website](#) for more information about the recognition process, or to review the other recognized programs.

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## Private Career College News

If your educational program is subject to the requirements of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, the CRPO recognition process can serve to fulfill the [Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities](#) (MTCU) requirements related to review by a subject matter and adult education expert.

[Get more info](#)



## Upcoming Council Meeting

The next meeting of CRPO Council will take place on November 29, 9:30 - 3:30 at the [CRPO office](#).

Want to attend? Be sure to register ahead of time and review the [guidelines on attendance](#). Seating is limited and so you are asked to ensure you have a confirmation before attending!

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