

# NOVEMBER 2025 BOARD MEETING

As recorded at the Board of Directors' meeting held on November 20, 2025. This meeting was hosted virtually via MS Teams.

## BOARD APPROVES PROPOSED REGULATION TO PREPARE FOR AS OF RIGHT LEGISLATION

### MOTION PASSED TO SEEK CONSULTATION EXEMPTION

At a special meeting held on November 20, 2025, the Board approved for circulation proposed regulation to amend *O. Reg. 264/16 (General)* under the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act (DPRA)*, 1990, that defines a “person prescribed by the regulations”. These definitions, which help prepare for the government’s As of Right legislation that is expected to come into effect on January 1, 2026, are required so out-of-province health professionals practicing in Ontario have the same authority to practice their profession under the DPRA as regulated health professionals in Ontario.

As of Right rules will make it easier for regulated health professionals licensed, in good standing, in other parts of the country to work immediately in Ontario. Once in effect, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians already licensed in another Canadian province or territory who meet the eligibility criteria can practice for up to six months while completing their [registration requirements](#) with the College.

The Board also passed a motion to seek approval from the Minister of Health to exempt the proposed regulation from a public consultation. The timeframe to approve the amendments before the [government’s requested December 5, 2025, deadline](#) does not allow for a 60-day consultation, a process that would normally be conducted when amending regulations are proposed. The Board also noted that a fulsome consultation was held by the government about As of Right earlier in 2025, and that members of the public and the profession were given the opportunity to provide input at that time.

If the Minister approves exempting further public consultation, the Board will be asked to approve the regulation for submission to the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry has also informed the College that amendments to *O. Reg. 381/11* under the *Narcotic Safety and Awareness Act, 2010*, will follow. These changes will ensure that prescribed persons will have the same reporting obligations as members of a regulated health profession.