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College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
Ordre des psychothérapeutes autorisés de l'Ontario

Stakeholder Feedback Form – Oct-Dec'16 Criminal Record Check Survey

Please complete this form and include it with your written submission. You may provide comments using this form (preferred), or send them in a separate document if the space provided here is insufficient. Your personal information is collected for internal statistical and informational purposes.

Please save the form to your computer, then open with Adobe Reader, prior to filling out the form. If you fill out the form in your web browser, contents may not be saved.

A. How to Submit Your Comments

1. Complete this form.
2. You may provide your comments on this form or attach comments in a separate document.
3. Submit no later than December 12, 2016, via:

EMAIL: **submissions@crpo.ca** OR

FAX: **(416) 874-4079** OR

MAIL: **Consultations**
College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
163 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 1S1

B. Your Contact Information

First name: Last name:

Email address:

Phone number:

I am a:

- Member
- Student
- Health care professional (describe below):
- Other (describe below):

- Applicant
- Member of the public
- Client or former client

C. Association

I am submitting feedback on behalf of an organization or association.

If you checked the box "yes", please provide the following information:

Name of organization/ association:

Your position:

Mailing address:

Your email address:

D. Consent

I understand that by ticking the checkbox below, my submission may be publicly posted on the College's website. I understand that identifying information of individuals, including name and contact information, such as address, phone number and email address, will be removed from submissions that are posted publicly.

I understand that the names of organizations and individuals submitting on behalf of organizations will be posted publicly, though contact information will not be posted.

I understand that the College will review submissions and, at its discretion, may choose not to post submissions if the content or wording is derogatory, defamatory, threatening, abusive or otherwise inappropriate, or if a submission reveals private or personal information. Negative comments about organizations or their positions on issues will also not be posted.

I consent to having my submission/ comments posted publicly.

Name:

Date:

E. Your Comments

Note: Please add additional pages if needed.

Please provide feedback on possible implementation of a criminal record check requirement.

Having a current criminal record, the process of acquiring necessary documentation (i.e., requesting and receiving necessary documents from the regulatory body in order to request a CRC/VSS, fingerprints, and final CRC/VSS documentation) took me six months. On top of this wait period is the period of time required of the regulatory body to give the application the extra attention required when a positive criminal record disclosure is present. In April 2016, I began the necessary process for membership with the CCPA. In October 2016, I gained full membership. The CCPA requires CRC/VSS reports. In June 2016 I submitted my application for certification with the CRPO. In December 2016, I gained certification with the CRPO. I suspect requiring CRC/VSS documents would have extended my application period.

Please provide feedback on what type of criminal record check requirement should be required, if implemented.

The Police Vulnerable Sector Check seems an appropriate approach as it pertains to matters related to working with vulnerable individuals.

Please provide feedback on when a completed criminal record check should be required, i.e. at registration and/or renewal(s).

As a member of the B.C. Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB), the B.C. Ministry of Education performs criminal background audits on members every five years from the date of admission to the TRB on behalf of each member. If a positive report is discovered, further investigation is conducted to assess whether the member is in breach of Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirements. If no issues pertaining to VSS are discovered, membership continues. I would recommend continuing with the current practice (i.e., relying on applicant self-disclosures) followed by the College conducting criminal background checks on behalf of registered members every five years from the date of admission to the CRPO.

Use this field to provide any other comments you may have concerning this possible amendment to the College's registration requirements.

Referring to standards applicable to B.C. teachers, the following link explains what duties to report apply to B.C. Teacher Certificate Holders:
<https://www.bcteacherregulation.ca/ProfessionalConduct/DutyToReport.aspx>

Specifically, B.C. teachers are required to: self-report promptly to the Director of Certification if they are criminally charged or convicted in relation to a "relevant offence" (an offence listed in Schedule 1 of the CRRA) or a "specified offence" (an offence listed in Schedule 3 of the CRRA), and also requires them to authorize a further criminal record check. Schedules 1 and 3 can be found here:
http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/00_96086_01#Schedule1