

June 28, 2021

Re: Information about RP (Qualifying) Registration

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter provides general information about the Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying) registration category. All CRPO registrants (with the exception of grandparented, labour mobility, and temporary registrants) start in the Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying) category. RP (Qualifying) registrants are permitted to perform the controlled act of psychotherapy, within their area of competence. They are duly registered with CRPO and are required to practise with clinical supervision.

RP (Qualifying) registrants have met key entry-to-practice competency requirements through recognized or substantially equivalent psychotherapy education. Some RP (Qualifying) registrants are nearing completion of their psychotherapy education program, while others have graduated. Some have experience practising psychotherapy outside Canada. Registrants in this category must use the title “RP(Qualifying)” or “PA(stagiaire)”. The title was carefully selected and indicates that the individual is a registrant who is developing in the profession. Registrants in the Qualifying category are subject to the same set of standards and professional obligations that apply to those in the Registered Psychotherapist (RP) category.

The requirements to transfer from the RP (Qualifying) category to the RP category are successful completion of 450 direct client contact (DCC) hours and 100 clinical supervision hours, and passing the Registration Examination. After transferring to the RP category, registrants must continue to practise with clinical supervision until they have completed 1000 DCC hours and 150 clinical supervision hours. These are non-exemptible legal requirements set out in the Registration Regulation; there are no alternatives.

CRPO supports the ability of the public to access psychotherapy services, as well as opportunities for RP (Qualifying) registrants to gain experience practising the profession while working within their area of competence and receiving clinical supervision. Employers, insurance companies, clinical supervisors, and members of the public can verify an individual’s registration category on CRPO’s [public register](#).

Sincerely,

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