

LOOKING AHEAD: REGULATION IN BC

Medical Laboratory Technologists to Become Regulated by CPSBC on November 29, 2027

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) is preparing to regulate medical laboratory technologists (MLTs) under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA)*, effective November 29, 2027.

Why is this change happening?

This change is part of the Ministry of Health's overall goal to modernize health regulation in BC. Under the *HPOA*, regulating MLTs will allow CPSBC to advance public safety in more areas of BC's health-care system. It will build public trust, promote high-quality practice environments, and provide clear standards of practice.

CPSBC is reaching out to share preliminary information about this transition and to help ensure that MLTs and those who work with or support the profession are aware of upcoming opportunities to learn more about the regulatory process.

CPSBC's role

As the regulatory college for MLTs in British Columbia, CPSBC will be responsible for:

- Establishing licensing requirements for the profession
- Setting professional and ethical standards
- Supporting safe, competent, and ethical practice
- Investigating complaints and addressing concerns about professional conduct or competence
- Protecting the public through professional regulation

What regulation means

Prior to being incorporated into CPSBC's regulatory framework, MLTs will need to:

- Apply for licensure, which will take effect on November 29, 2027. As of November 29, 2027, an MLT must hold a CPSBC licence to be permitted to work.

Once MLTs have been incorporated into CPSBC's regulatory framework, they will need to:

- Maintain licensure to practise
- Adhere to practice standards
- Comply with continuing professional development requirements
- Respond to complaints and investigations

Stay informed

Additional information about licensing requirements, timelines, and educational opportunities will be shared as implementation work progresses.

CPSBC encourages MLTs to:

- Visit [this page](#) on CPSBC's website
- Join our mailing list and self-identify through the [survey](#)
- Watch for future communications regarding webinars and information sessions that will be offered in advance of regulation

Questions?

Questions can be directed to: mlt@cpsbc.ca

Thank you for your support as we work toward the regulation of MLTs in BC.