



Employment requirements in Alberta

The Alberta College of Paramedics recently became aware of certain individuals seeking employment as EMT-Ps in Alberta, in both industrial and traditional ambulance practice areas. The individuals are not registered as EMT-Ps and have previously worked in Alberta's industrial field as "medics". They suggested that registration with the College is not required when working in the industrial setting.

Section 2 of the Health Disciplines Act states:

(1) No person other than a registered member of a designated health discipline shall

(a) use the name of the designated health discipline, alone or in combination with other words, in a manner so as to express or imply that the person is a registered member of that designated health discipline, or

(b) use any name, title, description or abbreviation in any manner so as to express or imply that the person is a registered member of that designated health discipline.

(2) A registered member may provide

(a) the health services prescribed in the regulations.

The College would like to take this opportunity to confirm that to practice in Alberta as an EMR, EMT or EMT-P, one must be registered.

Employers are strongly encouraged to request copies of registration cards as proof of registration and/or check our Registry List which is published on the College's website.

Committee appointment

The College is pleased to welcome John Chapman as a public member of the Professional Conduct Committee. Public members are selected by the Province and serve three-year terms.

Alberta Ambulance Association

The Alberta Ambulance Association (A.A.A.) held a special meeting in December 2009 where its members accepted a new set of bylaws and introduced new membership options to benefit all EMS practitioners in Alberta.

The A.A.A. will now give all practitioners a voice, a full vote and the opportunity to hold positions on their Board of Directors. The new bylaws also give corporate partners and suppliers, educators, EMS dispatch personnel and municipalities all an equal opportunity to participate in the Alberta Ambulance Association and provide them with a voice and vote. Another new initiative will see all newly graduated practitioners (EMRs, EMTs and EMT-Ps) be eligible for a free one-year membership for the year in which they first register.

To view the new bylaws and access the membership application package please visit www.aaaems.net.

We want to hear from you

Send your comments or questions to acp@collegeofparamedics.org, call us at 780-449-3114 or submit a question via the College website by clicking on the 'Ask the College' button located on the homepage.

Practitioners are encouraged to contact the College directly with questions and to get up-to-date, accurate information.