

# **FACT SHEET**

### REGISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION FEES CHANGES

### **Background**

Under Sections 18.04 and 21.05.1 of the College by-laws, registration fees and fees paid by Professional Corporations are adjusted annually by an amount equivalent to the change in the provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI).

These fee increases are based on the All Items – Ontario CPI for November 2024, published annually in December. In December 2024, the index indicated a 1.8% increase. The by-laws also stipulate that registrants must be notified in advance about the change in fees resulting from this automatic adjustment.

The CPI used for this year's fee changes can be found <u>here</u>.

#### When do the New Fees Come into Effect?

Increased registration fees will be in effect as of the launch of registration renewal, for the 2025-26 registration year, at 9:00 a.m.ET on February 14, 2025.

For Professional Corporation fees, the changes will come into effect on January 15, 2025, meaning that any applications, issuance, or renewals of certificates of authorization, will be processed at the new rates.

# Why do some of the College's Fees Increase Annually?

The College came into being on July 1, 2015, and every January since that time, fee increases have been instituted based on the provisions of the bylaws, with only one major exception due to COVID-19. No fee increases other than those based on the

CPI have been proposed by the College over this eight-year period, demonstrating that the automatic indexing against the Consumer Price Index is working as it was intended. That intent was to ensure that the fees remained consistent with the value of the dollar and cost-of-living over time, offsetting the impact of currency inflation in Ontario.

## Why Are Professional Corporation Fees Included in the Increase?

In November 2023, following a 60-day consultation period, the Council approved amendments to the by-laws which included a provision that applies an automatic CPI adjustment for Professional Corporation fees. The processes for administering the Professional Corporation program and Registration program are similar and therefore the Council was of the opinion that Professional Corporation fees should also be indexed against the CPI.

## Can the College Help Mitigate the Impact of the Increase in fees?

Yes, the College offers a Payment Plan Program for the payment of annual registration fees. By enrolling in the College's Payment Plan Program, registrants can pay their registration fees in ten monthly installments between April 2025 and January 2026. The program will automatically debit these monthly installments from a provided bank account. This program has no fees to enroll and requires no upfront lump sum payment.

#### Who Can I Contact for More Information

All questions regarding fee increases should be directed to general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

