

Timelines: Regulation of Physician Assistants under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA)

The following table includes the currently anticipated timelines for this referral. Please note that these are tentative timelines and may be changed without prior notice.

Activity	Description	Lead	Start Date/End Date
Preparation of Applicant's Proposal	Based on the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) criteria for regulating a new health profession under the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> (RHPA), the applicant will prepare a proposal to regulate Physician Assistants (PAs) in Ontario.	Applicant (Canadian Association of Physician Assistants)	October 3, 2011/January 06, 2012
Review of Application	HPRAC will review the application for completeness. In case of deficiencies, HPRAC may request the applicant to submit further information to complete the application.	HPRAC	January 09, 2012/January 27, 2012
Stakeholder Consultations	This phase will include obtaining views of stakeholders on the regulation of PAs in Ontario. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment on applicant's proposal to HPRAC.	HPRAC	January 30, 2012/March 30, 2012
Data Validation, Analysis, Synthesis & Follow-up	This phase will involve validation of data gathered, as well as analysis and synthesis of all information gathered from research and stakeholder consultations. This phase will also include any follow-up actions required to fill any data/information voids.	HPRAC	April 02, 2012/May 31, 2012
Develop/Finalize Recommendations	During this phase HPRAC will develop evidence-informed recommendations on the issue of regulating PAs in Ontario.	HPRAC	June 1, 2012/July 31, 2012
Report Production and Submission	Once developed, HPRAC will submit its recommendations on the regulation of PAs under the RHPA in a report to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for consideration. All HPRAC reports to the Minister remain confidential until released by the Minister.	HPRAC	August 1, 2012/August 31, 2012
Project Completion Date: August 31, 2012			
Note: The Minister has stated that she requires HPRAC advice on the issue of Physician Assistants by August 31, 2012.			