



Who qualifies as a Provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP)?

- A** To qualify for nurse practitioner (Provisional) registration, an applicant must have applied to take, or be awaiting the results of, the nurse practitioner examinations and have met all the other requirements for nurse practitioner registration. Refer to British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) for full details on registration requirements.

If I am a Provisional NP can I sign a Primary Care Network service contract?

- A** Yes, you would sign the NP (Provisional) service contract.

How is this provisional contract different than if I was fully licensed?

- A** The contracts differ slightly from the regular Primary Care Network NP Service Contract template in order to comply with the terms set out by the BCCNM for provisionally licensed NPs. As per the NP (Provisional) Service Contract template, it is expected that the NP will become a fully practising NP registrant within one year. Note that BCCNM also limits provisional registration to one year and requires review after.

It is also required per the Provisional Service contract that a Monitor is identified to oversee the Provisional NP's practice. A monitor can be a fully licensed NP or a physician in good standing with their respective Colleges.

Once I become a fully licensed NP, do I then need to sign a new contract?

- A** Yes, once an NP becomes a practising NP registrant, the NP will enter into a regular 3-year Primary Care Service Contract. At this point, the NP (Provisional) Service Contract would be terminated.

Are there any restrictions on my practice as a Provisional NP?

- A** Yes, Provisional NPs are not allowed to order tests/diagnostics or prescribe medications under their own registration and a fully licensed MD or NP must review and submit these components under their license. See BCCNM for limits and conditions of a Provisional NP registrant.





How do I find a Provisional NP position?

- A** The decision to hire a provisionally registered NP rests with the Primary Care Practice. The following is intended to provide an overview to assist with clarifying the processes involved with contracting a provisionally licensed NP. The suggested steps include:
- The Provisional NP and the practice should have a conversation to ensure that both parties are aware of the requirements of the provisional license as outlined by BCCNM and the terms of the Provisional NP Service Contract. One of the key requirements is that there is a fully licensed MD or NP is monitoring the Provisional NP's practice.
 - If the practice decides to proceed with contracting with the Provisional NP, the next step is to arrange for the NP to obtain provisional registration. To do this, both the NP and the practice must sign Form 8.1A: Application for Provisional Registration, which can be found in the NP registration package, to affirm that they will meet the requirements of the conditions of the provisional registrant.
 - The application for Provisional NP registration must be submitted and NP (Provisional) registration obtained prior to the completion and signing of the Provisional NP Service Contract.

Do I need an MSP number as a Provisional NP?

- A** Yes, once the application for Provisional NP registration is approved and registration is confirmed on the BCCNM website, the NP may then apply for an MSP number (form 2997iv, see link below). The MSP number will allow the Provisional NP to follow the results of labs, diagnostics, and submit encounter codes. Once the Provisional NP has obtained an MSP number, the PCN Service Contract for Provisionally registered NPs may be signed.

Can I incorporate as a provisional NP?

- A** You can incorporate and it is important to note that if a Provisional NP registrant wishes to incorporate prior to entering a full Primary Care Service Contract, the Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation (see BCCNM) limits the NP to only using the title "Provisional Nurse Practitioner" or other variations if you choose to use your title as part of your incorporated name. Please consult a business accountant to determine what is right for you and your financial situation.

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