



How do I become a Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Provisional NP in BC?

- A** 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 registered?

- A** The contracts differ slightly from the regular Primary Care NP Service Contract in order to comply with the terms set out by the BCCNM for provisionally registered NPs. As per the NP Provisional Service Contract, it is expected that the NP will become a fully practising NP registrant within one year. Provisional registration is granted for one year and must be renewed at the time of annual registration renewal. Make sure you know your registration expiry date.

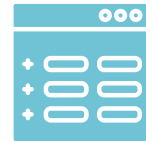
It is also required that a monitor is identified to oversee the provisional NP's practice. A monitor can be a practising NP registrant in good standing with BCCNM or a physician in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

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

- A** Yes, once an NP becomes a fully practising 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** 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 clarify the processes involved with contracting a provisional 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 NP as outlined by BCCNM and the terms of the Provisional NP Service Contract. One of the key requirements is that there is a fully registered MD or NP monitoring the provisional NP's practice.
 - If the practice decides to proceed with contracting 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, affirming that they will meet the requirements of the conditions of the provisional registrant.
 - The application for provisional NP registration must be submitted and provisional registration obtained prior to the signing and execution 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 Provisional NP Primary Care Service Contract 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, BCCNM regulation limits the NP to only using the title "Provisional Nurse Practitioner" or other variations if you choose to use this protected 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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