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	Definitions
1	In this Regulation,

- (a) “Act” means the *Health Professions Act*;
- (b) “clinical genetics register” means the clinical genetics register category of the regulated members register;
- (c) “College” means the Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists;
- (d), (e) repealed AR 54/2023 s2;
- (f) “Council” means the council of the College;
- (g) “courtesy register” means the courtesy register category of the regulated members register;
- (h) “diagnostic cytology register” means the diagnostic cytology register category of the regulated members register;
- (i) “general register” means the general register category of the regulated members register;
- (j) “provisional register” means the provisional register category of the regulated members register;
- (k) “Registrar” means the registrar of the College;
- (l) “Registration Committee” means the registration committee of the College;
- (m) repealed AR 54/2023 s2.

AR 255/2001 s1;76/2007;54/2023

Registers

Register categories

2 The regulated members register established by the Council under section 33(1)(a) of the Act has the following categories:

- (a) general register;
- (b) diagnostic cytology register;
- (c) clinical genetics register;
- (d) provisional register;
- (e) courtesy register.

AR 255/2001 s2;76/2007

Registration

General register

3 An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the general register must have obtained a diploma from a program in medical laboratory science of at least 2 years' duration or a degree from a program, approved by the Council, and have successfully passed a registration examination approved by the Council.

Diagnostic cytology register

4 An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the diagnostic cytology register must have obtained a diploma from a program in medical laboratory science of at least 2 years' duration or a degree from a program, approved by the Council, with a specialization in diagnostic cytology and have successfully passed a registration examination approved by the Council.

Clinical genetics register

5 An applicant for registration as a regulated member on the clinical genetics register must have obtained a diploma from a program in medical laboratory science of at least 2 years' duration or a degree from a program, approved by the Council, with a specialization in clinical genetics and have successfully passed a registration examination approved by the Council.

Current qualifications

- 6** An applicant for registration under section 3, 4 or 5 must have met the requirements set out in that section within 4 years of the date that the Registrar receives a complete application or the applicant must
- (a) have been employed for at least 900 hours in the practice of medical laboratory technology in the 4 years immediately preceding the date the application is received by the Registrar, or
 - (b) have successfully completed a refresher education program approved by the Council within 2 years of the date the complete application is received by the Registrar.

Equivalent jurisdiction

7 An applicant for registration as a regulated member who is currently registered in good standing in another jurisdiction recognized by the Council under section 28(2)(b) of the Act as having substantially equivalent registration requirements may be registered on the appropriate register.

Substantial equivalence

8(1) An applicant who does not meet the registration requirements under section 3, 4 or 5 but whose qualifications have been determined by the Registrar or Registration Committee under section 28(2)(c) of the Act to be substantially equivalent to the registration requirements under section 3, 4 or 5 may be registered on the appropriate register, as determined by the Registrar or Registration Committee.

(2) In determining whether an applicant's qualifications are substantially equivalent under subsection (1), the Registrar or Registration Committee may require the applicant to undergo examination, testing and assessment activities.

(3) For the determination under subsection (2), the Registrar or Registration Committee may use the services of experts and other resources to assist with the examination, testing and assessment activities.

(4) The Registrar or Registration Committee may direct the applicant to undergo any education or training activities the Registrar or Registration Committee may consider necessary in order for the applicant to be registered.

(5) The Registrar or Registration Committee may request any further information and evidence that the Registrar or Registration Committee considers necessary in order to assess an application under this section.

AR 255/2001 s8;76/2007

Provisional register

9(1) An applicant for registration as a regulated member may be registered on the provisional register if the applicant has fulfilled the educational requirements set out in section 3, 4 or 5 but has not completed the registration examination approved by the Council or has written the registration examination but has not yet received the examination results.

(2) The applicant must successfully pass a registration examination approved by the Council within one year of registration on the provisional register.

(3) A registration on the provisional register expires after one year unless the requirements of subsection (2) are met.

(4) If a regulated member registered on the provisional register has successfully passed the registration examination approved by the Council, the Registrar must remove the regulated member's name from the provisional register and enter it on the category of the

regulated members register that the Registrar or Registration Committee may determine to be appropriate.

(5) A person whose registration on the provisional register expires may apply to the Registrar or Registration Committee for an extension not to exceed 3 months following the next scheduled registration examination if that person provides evidence that he or she has been accepted to write that next scheduled registration examination.

(6) A person who is registered on the provisional register may practise only while supervised, in a manner satisfactory to the Registrar or Registration Committee, by a regulated member other than a regulated member registered on the provisional register.

AR 255/2001 s9;76/2007

Courtesy register

9.1(1) A medical laboratory technologist in good standing in another jurisdiction in Canada who applies for registration in Alberta on a temporary basis for a specified purpose approved by the Registrar may be registered on the courtesy register if the applicant satisfies the Registrar of having competence to provide the services related to the specified purpose.

(2) The registration of a person registered on the courtesy register is valid for the term specified by the Registrar but may not exceed one year.

(3) It is a condition of registration on the courtesy register that the person must remain registered in good standing in the jurisdiction in which the person was registered at the time of the person's application for registration on the courtesy register and, if the registration in the other jurisdiction is suspended or cancelled, the courtesy registration is cancelled.

AR 76/2007 s7

10 and 11 Repealed AR 54/2023 s3.

Practice Permit Renewal Requirements

Renewal requirements

12 In addition to meeting the requirements established under section 40 of the Act, a regulated member applying for renewal of the member's practice permit must state whether the regulated member has pleaded guilty or has been found guilty of a criminal offence in Canada or an offence of a similar nature in a jurisdiction outside Canada since the member's last practice permit, and must

- (a) have been employed in the practice of medical laboratory technology for 900 working hours in the 4-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal,
- (b) have completed refresher education approved by the Council in the 2-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal, or
- (c) have been granted a degree or diploma described in section 3, 4 or 5 within the 4-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal.

AR 255/2001 s12;76/2007;54/2023

12.1 Repealed AR 54/2023 s6.

12.2 to 12.4 Repealed AR 54/2023 s7.

13 to 16 Repealed AR 54/2023 s8.

17 to 20 Repealed AR 54/2023 s9.

21, 22 Repealed AR 76/2007 s13.

Titles

Use of titles

23 A regulated member may, in the regulated member's practice of medical laboratory technology, use the words "registered" and "regulated" and may use any of the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) medical laboratory technologist;
- (b) registered medical laboratory technologist;
- (c) M.L.T.

AR 255/2001 s23;76/2007

24 and 25 Repealed AR 54/2023 s10.

Transitional Provisions, Repeals and Coming into Force

Transitional provisions

26 On the coming into force of this Regulation,

- (a) a registered member described in section 6 of Schedule 11 of the Act is deemed to be registered on the regulated member register in the register category that the Registrar considers appropriate, and

- (b) a temporary registered member described in section 6 of Schedule 11 of the Act is deemed to be registered on the regulated member register in the temporary register category.

Repeal

27 The *Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulation* (AR 49/93) is repealed.

Coming into force

28 This Regulation comes into force on the coming into force of Schedule 11 of the *Health Professions Act*.



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