

Legislation, Regulation & Requirements

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Question: What is the legislation, regulation, and requirements that apply to registered nursing practice in Saskatchewan? Where do I find more information?

Answer: As a registered nurse in Saskatchewan our profession arises from provincial legislation that has been delegated to professional regulatory bodies to enact, interpret, and enforce. Table 1 outlines the respective legislation, bylaws, and requirements that directly apply to becoming, being, and remaining a registered nurse in Saskatchewan.

The healthcare system, workplaces, and healthcare providers are further guided by additional legislation, regulation, and guiding documents enacted by both the provincial and federal governments. Tables 2 & 3 outline primary legislation and regulation that impacts and directs the system, workplace, and providers in their professional practice.

While not an exhaustive list, these documents provide the context and requirements to be met within the professional healthcare system. Additional legislation, regulation, or requirements may apply to some registered nurses, dependent on their professional practice, population served, and/or work environment.

To review the legislation, regulations, and/or guidelines, follow the hyperlinked titles in each table below to take you to the online location. All links and information are current as of May 28, 2021.

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Question: Who do I contact if I have questions about the legislation, regulation, or guidelines outlined in the Tables?

Answer: A good place to start if you have questions or concerns would be to speak with your Manager or organizational resource for the clarifications that you are seeking. Additional resources that are available to you include, but are not limited to: your professional regulatory body, Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS) or contact SUN's Duty Roster to speak with an ERO/NPO.

Table 1: Nursing Legislation & Regulatory Requirements

Nursing Legislation & Regulatory Requirements	
Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association * (SRNA)	Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS)
<i>The Registered Nurses Act, 1988</i>	<i>The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act, 1993</i>
SRNA Bylaws	RPNAS Bylaws
<i>Registered Nurse Entry-level Competencies, 2019</i>	<i>Registered Psychiatric Nurse Entry-level Competencies, 2014</i>
<i>Registered Nurse Practice Standards, 2019</i>	<i>Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice, 2019</i>
<i>Interpretation of the RN Scope of Practice, 2015</i>	<i>Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) Scope of Practice, 2013</i>
<i>Nurse Practitioner Entry-level Competencies, 2017</i>	
<i>Nurse Practitioner Practice Standards, 2017</i>	
<i>Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses, 2017</i>	Code of Ethics
Maintenance - Eligibility for Registration: RN, RN(AAP), NP	Maintenance - Eligibility for Registration
Continuing Competence Program	Continuing Competence Program **
* SRNA has announced a change in name and branding to occur in Fall 2021 to align with their shift to a single regulatory mandate.	
** RPNAS AGM – May 13, 2021 – bylaws passed by membership renaming Continuing Professional Development Program with Continuing Competence Program.	

Table 2: Provincial Legislation, Regulation & Guidelines

Provincial Legislation, Regulation & Guidelines
<i>Cancer Agency Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Child and Family Services Act</i>
<i>Coroners Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Emergency Medical Aid Act</i>
<i>Emergency Protection for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Act</i>
<i>Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Health Administration Act</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living Regulations</i>
<i>Health Care Directives and Substitute Health Care Decision Makers Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Health Information Protection Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Human Tissue Gift Act</i>
<i>Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Mental Health Services Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Personal Care Homes Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act</i>
<i>Drug Schedules Regulations</i>
<i>Prescriptions Drugs Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Provincial Health Authority Act</i>
<i>Attending Health Professional Regulations</i>
<i>Critical Incident Regulations & Saskatchewan Critical Incident Reporting Guideline</i>
<i>Facility Designation Regulations</i>
<i>Hospital Standards Regulations</i>
<i>Housing and Special Care Home Regulations</i>
<i>Public Health Act</i>
<i>Disease Control Regulations</i>
<i>Health Hazard Regulations</i>
<i>Newborn Screening Regulations</i>
<i>Public Interest Disclosure Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Assistance Act</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disabilities Regulations</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Employment Act</i>
<i>Saskatchewan Employment Act and The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations</i>
<i>Traffic Safety Act</i>
<i>Vital Statistics Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Workers Compensation Act</i>
<i>Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act & Regulations</i>
Health Services Policy and Procedure Document Library
Alcohol and Drug Services Program Guidelines
Brief Orientation to Public Health Act
Guidelines for the Management of Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids
Infection Prevention and Control Program
Saskatchewan Immunization Manual (SIM)
Specialized Procedures in Personal Care Homes
Special Care Home Program Guidelines

Table 3: Federal Legislation & Regulation

Federal Legislation & Regulations
<i>Canada Health Act</i>
<i>Cannabis Act & Regulations</i>
<i>Controlled Drugs & Substances Act</i>
<i>Criminal Code</i>
<i>Food and Drugs Act</i>
<i>Food and Drugs Regulations</i>
<i>Narcotic Control Regulations</i>

Resource Links:

[Canadian Nurses Protective Society](#)

[Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association](#)

[Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan](#)

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[Health Services Policy and Procedure Document Library](#)

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