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RE: **Continuing Care Assistant (CCA) Mandatory Registry**

We are pleased to announce the mandatory Continuing Care Assistant Registry will go live today, February 2, 2022.

As you are aware, a mandatory CCA registry was recommended by the 2018 Minister's Expert Advisory Panel on Long-Term Care. New legislation, the *Continuing Care Assistants Registry Act* received Royal Assent in April 2021 and establishes a mandatory registry for all CCAs in Nova Scotia for the purposes of collecting workforce planning data such as the name of the CCA, where they work, and whether they work full-time, part-time, or casual.

Continuing Care Assistants are a very important part of Nova Scotia's health care system and represent a sizeable current and future workforce in Nova Scotia's continuing care sector. The mandatory registry will replace the existing voluntary registry, which has not provided good data to inform workforce planning.

Health Association Nova Scotia (HANS) will administer the CCA registry for the department and provide support to the sector. HANS and the department will work together to ensure that all the registration data is kept secure and private in accordance with Nova Scotia's privacy legislation.

- Please note that name, registration number and annual renewal status of each CCA and CCA in training will be public and available on a searchable public registry on this website in a manner similar to that of the Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN).
- The requirement will be that all CCAs and CCAs in training will be registered. For the CCA in training, the employer must continue to monitor education pathways and meet [Entry to Practice Policy](#) requirements.
- HANS will be sharing materials to respond to staff registry questions and will be working to provide employers with a list of registered CCAs leading up to the deadline and shortly after the deadline, so that employers can easily audit and support compliance of their teams. Registration can also be verified online in a manner similar to that of the Nova Scotia College of Nursing.

If your facility or agency has a champion in mind, HANS will provide them with additional support so they can assist their teams with the new registry. Please e-mail HANS at ccaregistry@healthassociation.ns.ca to provide the name of anyone interested in being a champion.

The CCA Registry can be located at: <https://www.novascotiacca.ca/cca-registry-information/>