

Supervision Levels for Defined Licensees

Section:	Registration		
Applicable Legislation:			
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Background

Under the *Medical Act* (2011) and Medical Practitioners Regulations, physicians granted a Defined licence (DL) under the Conditional Register are required to have a sponsor and supervisor for the duration of that licence. Supervision is administered according to the College's four-level supervision framework and [General Guidelines for College-Directed Clinical Supervision](#).

Policy

1. Defined licensees will normally be subject to a minimum of 24 months of **Standard Level** Supervision.
2. Supervision under the College's previous framework (including 1, 3, 6, 9 and 12 month practice reports over the first year of practice) will be considered equivalent to 12 months of Standard Level supervision.
3. **Low Level Supervision** may be permitted in the following circumstances:
 - a. 24 months of Standard Level supervision has been completed in a satisfactory manner, including all required supervision reports and activities; **OR**
 - b. The physician has been continuously licensed and practising in Nova Scotia from prior to January 1st 2015. For this purpose, continuous licensure is defined as cumulative gaps being fewer than 90 days in total.

AND

- c. The Defined licensed physician's Sponsor and the College agree that no outstanding concerns exist preventing Low Level supervision.
4. Notwithstanding the above, supervision may be imposed **at any level** in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. As an interim sanction / condition imposed by an Investigations Committee.
 - b. As imposed by or agreed to in the resolution of an Investigations / Disciplinary matter.
 - c. As ordered by the Registration Committee in response to a concern regarding competence, capacity or character to practice.
 - d. As agreed to by the College and the DL physician's Sponsor, with a written explanation to the Defined licensed physician.
5. Supervision level may be appealed as a licensing condition under the provisions of the *Medical Act* and Medical Practitioners Regulations.
6. Supervision imposed at the request of or with the agreement of the Defined licensed Physician's Sponsor will be considered a requirement of sponsorship and therefore not subject to appeal.

Defined licensed physicians continuously licensed for more than 60 months may, in appropriate circumstances, be permitted to practise with [Sponsor-only oversight](#).