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NEW REGISTRANTS POLICY

All newly registered midwives will be granted registration with the following conditions:

1. A new registrant will work within an established practice (see definition in *Guidelines to the New Registrants Policy*) for a period of at least one full year.
2. A new registrant will attend births with a general registrant until she has attended a minimum of 30 births as a primary midwife and 30 births as a second midwife.

Please see the *Guidelines to the New Registrants Policy* for further details.

RATIONALE FOR THE NEW REGISTRANTS POLICY

The New Registrants policy is designed to ensure that new registrants receive the support and experience that will benefit them in entering the profession of midwifery in Ontario. The support that can be provided in both clinical and interprofessional situations will be a valuable asset to all newly practicing midwives in Ontario.

The requirements of the New Registrant's Policy are intended to assist new registrants to consolidate their prior knowledge and experience and to develop a solid foundation of confidence as a primary caregiver within a supportive environment.

It is acknowledged that this policy will effectively delay new registrants from setting up new practices in previously un-serviced areas of the province. However, midwives who move into under-serviced areas following a year of experience with an established practice will be in a stronger position as a result of that experience. In addition, having had hospital privileges previously may facilitate obtaining privileges at a new hospital.