

THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BULLETIN

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This bulletin provides Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities and Licensed Dealers with information on the publication of a new filterable list of licensed healthcare practitioners and pharmacists whose privileges respecting controlled substances have been restricted.

➤ Notices of restriction

Health Canada would like to inform Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities and Licensed Dealers of the posting of a new List of restricted health care practitioners and pharmacists named in a notice of restriction, now available online. This filterable database lists licensed healthcare practitioners and pharmacists across Canada whose privileges respecting controlled substances have been restricted and whose restrictions are published on the relevant professional provincial or territorial licensing authority's website. While a practitioner or pharmacist may be restricted from having controlled substances sold or provided to them pursuant to a notice of restriction, it does not preclude them from having controlled substances dispensed to them as a patient themselves.

As per sections 48 and 59 of the *Narcotic Control Regulations*, sections G.03.017.2 and G.04.004.2 of Part G of the *Food and Drug Regulations* and section 79 of the *Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations*, a licensed practitioner or licensed pharmacist is named in a notice of restriction for the following reasons:

- conviction of a drug offence under the *Criminal Code*;
- violation of a rule of conduct established by a provincial or territorial professional licensing authority; or
- by voluntary request from the pharmacist or healthcare practitioner who no longer wishes to prescribe or dispense controlled drugs, narcotics and/or targeted substances.

Although the new List of restricted health care practitioners and pharmacists named in a notice of restriction **does not represent a complete listing of all notices of restriction currently in effect**, it will provide stakeholders, such as pharmacies, timely access to information on new restrictions online, instead of receiving them by mail. It will also allow regulated parties, such as licensed dealers and pharmacists, to better comply with their regulatory requirements.

Requests to name a licensed practitioner or pharmacist in a notice of restriction should be jointly sent to hc.ocs-bsc.sc@canada.ca and hc.compliance-conformite.sc@canada.ca. For questions specific to the publishing of the list of notices of restriction, please contact hc.compliance-conformite.sc@canada.ca.