



PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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Mentorship - Sponsoring a new registrant

Responsibility: College members

The College views the Sponsor as a mentor and supporter of the new registrant and/or, of the physiotherapist changing their area of practice.

A Sponsor has a very important role to play in the registrant's preparation for the National Competency Exam and/or, in the physiotherapist's re-entry to an area of practice.

You will find further information in (Sec 33-34) of the Registration Regulations pursuant to the *Act*. You are required to complete a Sponsor Form, which you are asked to read, sign and send in to the College Office. Please read both documents carefully.

The College requires that:

1. The sponsoring physiotherapist have at least two years experience and have a practicing license in the General Register.
2. The sponsoring physiotherapist is on site for the supervised period or arranges for an alternate Sponsor in their absence.
3. The sponsoring physiotherapist must make at least one performance report to the College within the first month of the sponsorship.
4. The sponsoring physiotherapist must ensure, that while under their sponsorship, the supervised physiotherapist is competent and their practice safe so that there is no risk to the public.
5. The sponsoring physiotherapist must report, in writing, any concerns to the BOD.
6. The sponsoring physiotherapist upholds adherence to the Standards of Practice and the accountability of a professional to the public and to their profession as set forth in the Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct adopted by the College.

The opportunity to mentor one's peers is a privilege not to be taken lightly. Share your experience and your enthusiasm for your profession with others and know that we all have something to learn and to teach. The BOD thanks you for your service to the public and your commitment to your profession.