

# **Executive Officer Notice: Proposed Regulatory Amendments under the Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010**

**November 21, 2025**

The Ministry of Health (ministry) is proposing amendments to Ontario Regulation 381/11 under the *Narcotics Safety and Awareness Act, 2010* (NSAA).

As background, an Ontario initiative known as “As of Right” is a first-in-Canada approach that expedites the process for health care professionals registered and in good standing in other jurisdictions to begin practising in Ontario. The purpose of the “As of Right” rules is to enhance labour mobility by easing the path to practise in Ontario. The ministry is proposing regulatory changes to expand the “As of Right” rules to 16 additional health professions registered in other provinces/territories. The ministry posted this proposal on the Regulatory Registry earlier in 2025 at:

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/50093>

The proposed changes to O. Reg. 381/11 under the NSAA would complement the proposed expansion of “As of Right” rules to additional health professions.

The proposed regulatory amendments to O Reg. 381/11 under the NSAA, if approved, would add a definition of “out of province health professional” and designate out of province health professionals who are permitted to dispense or prescribe a monitored drug in Ontario as “dispensers” and “prescribers”, respectively, for the purposes of the NSAA.

For more information about the NSAA, please see:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10n22>

## **Regulatory Registry Posting**

A summary and draft of the proposed regulatory amendments to O. Reg. 381/11 under the NSAA are available on the Regulatory Registry website at:

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52458>

**The final content of any regulatory amendments described in this notice are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council (“LGIC”) who may make, or not**

**make, the regulatory amendments with any changes that the LGIC considers appropriate.**

Interested parties are invited to provide written comments on the proposed changes to the regulation as part of the review. The ministry will consider comments received on or before **January 5, 2026 at midnight EST**. Please be advised that submissions received after this date may not be considered.

Please submit your written comments through the Regulatory Registry.

### **Statement about Comments**

Unless requested and otherwise agreed to by the ministry, all materials or comments received from organizations in response to the notice will be considered public information and may be used and disclosed by the ministry as part of its review. The ministry may disclose materials or comments, or summaries of them, to other interested parties during and after the comment period.

An individual who makes a submission and who indicates an affiliation with an organization in his or her submission will be considered to have made his or her submission on behalf of the affiliated organization. The ministry will not disclose any personal information contained in a submission of an individual who does not specify an organizational affiliation in his or her submission without the individual's consent unless required by law. However, the ministry may use and disclose the content of the individual's submission to assist the ministry in its review.

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