



## COLLEGE OF CHIROPODISTS OF ONTARIO

*Regulating Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ontario*

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### **ITEM 3.7**

#### **COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE RE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW 2: FEES Examination Fee Increase**

##### **Background:**

In 2021, the development, administration and maintenance of the qualifying exams cost the College over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). In February 2022, the Council approved an increase in the examination fees, which came into effect in May 2022 after public consultation. The rationale behind the fee increase was two-fold: 1) Registrants should not be encumbered with financing the examinations out of their membership fees; and 2) the existing examination fees were below what was necessary to cover the costs. At present, the examination fees are \$2600.00 to write all three components: jurisprudence, core competencies and the OSCE.

The Examination Committee in conjunction with College staff are closely reviewing all costs related to the development, administration, and maintenance of the examinations. However, despite the earlier increase, the examination costs continue to be partially funded by registrant fees. The Council is being asked to consider a further increase in the examination fees as set out below.

##### **Public Interest Rationale for Decision:**

It is in the public interest that the College remains financially stable and has the proper funding and resources to fulfill its mandate of protection of the public. As part of its mandate, the College is required to meet all expectations of the Ministry of Health and its obligations under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, Procedural Code, Chiropody Act*, and related Regulations.

##### **Recommended Motion:**

That By-law No. 2: Fees be amended, in principle, as follows:

1. Revoke Articles 5.01, 5.02, 5.03(a) & (b), and substitute as follows:

## FEES RELATED TO EXAMINATIONS

- 5.01** A person who applies to attempt the College’s jurisprudence exam without applying to attempt the other examinations required for a certificate of registration shall pay a fee of ~~\$500.00~~ \$750.00.
- 5.02** A person who applies to attempt an examination which is a requirement for a certificate of registration but is not the jurisprudence examination referred to in Article 5.01 or the supplemental examination referred to in Article 5.03, shall pay a fee of ~~\$2600.00~~ \$3,600.00.
- 5.03** Where a person fails the examination referred to in Article 5.02 and the person applies for and is eligible to take a supplemental examination, the person shall pay a fee of
- (a) ~~\$500.00~~ \$750.00 for the written examination, if the requirement to take a supplemental examination was due solely to the applicant being unsuccessful on the jurisprudence portion of the written examination;
  - (b) ~~\$500.00~~ \$750.00 for the written examination, if the requirement to take a supplemental examination was due solely to the applicant being unsuccessful on the core competencies portion of the written examination;
  - (c) ~~\$1000.00~~ \$1500.00 for the written examination, if the requirement to take a supplemental examination was due to the applicant being unsuccessful on both the jurisprudence and core competencies portions of the written examination; and
  - (d) ~~\$1,600.00~~ \$2100.00 if the requirement to take a supplemental examination was due to the applicant being unsuccessful on the clinical (OSCE) examination.
2. that Council direct that the proposed amendments be circulated to members and other stakeholders for comment for 60 days before the matter is returned to Council.

In summary, the motion which Council is being asked to pass would increase the qualifying examination fees for 2023 as set out below,

- a. Jurisprudence Exam – increase to \$750 from \$500
- b. Written & Clinical (OSCE) Exam – increase to \$3600 from \$2600
  - i. Written only – Jurisprudence & Core Competencies (if first attempt fails) – increase to \$1500 from \$1000

- ii. Written only – Jurisprudence OR Core Competencies (if first attempt fails)  
– increase to \$750 from \$500
- iii. OSCE only (if first attempt fails) – increase to \$2100 from \$1600