2023-24 Online Practice Permit Renewal Service is Now Open

<u>Key Reminders</u> to avoid inconvenience and additional practice permit renewal fees include the following:

- All registration fee reductions or prorating ended effective midnight December 31st, 2022. The practice permit fee will now be \$425.00 for all registrants on any register. The registrant decides how much or how little to use their practice permit,
- Midnight Friday March 3rd, 2023 enrollment in the monthly Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists installment payment plan for CRTA practice permit renewal ends,
- Midnight Friday March 17th, 2023 is the deadline for practice permit renewal at \$425.00,
- March 18th 2023 the late practice permit renewal at \$575.00 commences,
- Midnight Friday March 31st, 2023 practice permit cancellation begins, pay
 \$725.00 to renew your practice permit,
- All registrants are responsible for self-directed continuing competency activity document storage for up to five years,
- Any submission of false legal declarations, misleading or intentional errors on continuing competency activity submissions must be referred to the complaints director and possible unprofessional conduct disciplinary action may ensue,

Members

2023 Membership Renewal

Your 2023 membership renewal is open. Click on the button to get started.

Start Your Membership Renewal

Keep your membership and email information updated

If you have blocked emails from CARTA you will need to <u>complete this form</u> to renew on line for the upcoming 2020 renewal. This will allow CARTA to provide the best possible service by having your correct up to date information.

CARTA Divestiture Update

The jobs and career advertising section and continuing competency app (Jotform) service on the website has been discontinued and are no longer functional. Alberta Health decided these services were association activities rather than a college activities. As of February 1st 2023 the plan has almost been fully executed!

At the final Annual General Meeting registrants voted overwhelmingly to wind-up the association under the *Societies Act* effective midnight January 31st2023. New corporate by-laws for the College created under section 2 of the *Health Professions Act* have been approved by the Council and went into effect immediately after the Association's by-laws became silent. Alberta Corporate Registries has confirmed the association no longer exists.

Watch for a new corporate identity and branding on the College's website on or before April 1st, 2023 (a deadline required by Bill 46 legislation). It will contain a new corporate name "The College of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta" and a fresh new look which we hope the public and registrants will appreciate. Later this year some functionality enhancements will be added including retrieving income tax-receipts etc.

While attending the NAIT respiratory therapy program advisory committee meeting the executive director participated in discussion with respect to the program quota of students for admission in 2023. It is apparent that our profession has been negatively affected by the impact of the current pandemic with respect to membership and there is a demonstrated need to educate more people.

The following data and information will help inform future discussions with all stakeholders about what is needed. It is very concerning to the executive director that governments are announcing funding increases for education seats in medicine and nursing with no mention about increasing funding for additional education seats for respiratory therapists or any other allied health professions for that matter.



