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All Registrants Required to Undergo Criminal Record Check Every Five Years

On May 31st, 2007 the Government of British Columbia passed into law changes to the Criminal Records Review Act (CRRRA). The legislation states that “anyone who works with children directly, or having, or potentially having unsupervised access to children in the ordinary course of employment or in the practice of an occupation must submit to a criminal record check.”

The Act stipulates that any Registrant whose criminal record check clearance is older than five years, must undergo a re-check according to the schedule set out by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Accordingly, the College will send consent forms to Registrants when their criminal record check is due. **Failure to undergo this check could result in denial of registration with the College.**

Regardless of whether a Registrant has received a criminal record check clearance in the past, **if it is more than five years old**, you are required by law to comply with the new legislation by consenting to the check. Please be advised that all Registrants will be required to undergo a re-check every five years thereafter. Over the next five years, the College will be seeking consent forms from all registrants in order to comply with this new legislation.

For further information regarding this, please contact the CLPNBC at 604-660-5750.