



## New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists

**Title:** Graduate License to Practice Respiratory Therapy

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### Rule

An applicant to the New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists (NBART) who has met all the academic requirements but has not yet successfully complete the Canadian Board of Respiratory Care (CBRC) examination will be issued a *Graduate* license to practice Respiratory Therapy in New Brunswick. This is a temporary class of licensing and is automatically revoked after 18 months. To qualify for a *Graduate* license, the applicant must:

- Complete the online application form at <https://nbart.xyz>. Applicants will apply for an *Active* license. A new graduate currently holding a *Student* license may simply apply for an upgrade of the *Student* license to an *Active* license via the online licensing system. Upon receipt of the application, the NBART Registrar will review the application and attach the *Graduate* restriction to the license prior to approval if applicable.
- Pay the applicable fees. The online registration system will calculate the amount owing based upon the date of application.
- Provide proof of successful completion of a Board of Directors approved Canadian Respiratory Therapy educational program. The NBART must receive a completion certificate, diploma or a certified letter from the institution.
- Proof of liability insurance as outlined in the [ACT Respecting Respiratory Therapists](#). The professional liability rules of the NBART can be viewed in [NBART R-005](#).
- The applicant must meet the language requirements of the NBART.
- The applicant must not yet have successfully completed the CBRC exam.

The Registrar will issue an applicant who satisfies the above requirements a *Graduate* license to practice Respiratory Therapy in New Brunswick. A member licensed under this category is prohibited from performing independent practice that is not prescribed by a licensed physician, either directly or through physician signed guidelines, directives or protocols. A member holding a license within this category is also prohibited from monitoring and supervising students from all educational facilities while on duty at their place of employment.

The procedures listed below are absolutely prohibited unless an NBART member with an Active license to practice *directly supervises* the member:

- Inter-facility and intra-facility patient transport
- Assisting bronchoscopy
- Mechanical ventilation (invasive and non-invasive including but not limited to CPAP, Bi-level, home mechanical ventilation and critical care ventilation)
- Arterial blood gas punctures
- Arterial line insertion and sampling

- Insert, manage or remove endotracheal tubes or any other form of advanced airways
- Insert, manage or remove tracheostomy tubes
- High flow oxygen therapy
- Assisting in regional or general anaesthesia
- Setup or operation of anaesthetic equipment
- Assisting or delivering procedural sedation
- Bronchial provocation testing

For the purposes of this policy, “*Direct Supervision*” means that the active licensed respiratory therapist is easily and readily available within the facility and that they provide a level of supervision that allows validation of the work performed by the respiratory therapist holding the *Graduate* license. This supervision will include discussion and validation of findings/ interventions and regular and frequent monitoring throughout any given clinical shift.

These restrictions will be in the public interest, as the applicant has not yet completely demonstrated entry-level competencies by successfully completing the CBRC examination. The restrictions will allow an applicant to begin work immediately after graduation while preparing for the examination but with safeguards in place to protect the public.

*Graduate* licenses will be automatically revoked 18 months from the date of issue. Once the license has been revoked, the NBART will not re-issue a *Graduate* license to the applicant unless extenuating circumstances can be demonstrated.

Once successful completion of the CBRC examination can be demonstrated, the applicant may contact the NBART to request removal of the *Graduate* restrictions. The NBART requires a copy of a completion certificate, transcripts or a certified letter from the CBRC indicating the successful completion.