



Canadian Nurses Protective Society Registration

In its January issue of the Virtual Flame, the NANB informed members that in 2025, NANB members will register for professional liability protection with the Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS) as a distinct step within their license renewal process.

What does this mean for me?

If you have already renewed your NANB license for 2025, no action needs to be taken. The new process will take effect in the fall of 2025, at the time of your 2026 NANB license renewal. For nurses obtaining a new NANB license in 2025, you will, as part of this process, activate your CNPS registration portal to obtain or renew your CNPS registration. NANB's *My Profile* registration system and *MyCNPS* are integrated to allow a secure and convenient approach.

How will it benefit me?

- Your direct registration with the CNPS, in real time, will make easier to identify you as a beneficiary of the CNPS, will eliminate verification steps should you require CNPS assistance and will therefore enable easier access to CNPS services if required.
- You will also be able to select, as part of your renewal, additional services such as legal assistance with regulatory complaints (may be of particular interest to non-unionized members).
- As this initiative is concurrently already in place or in progress in other provinces and territories, it will enable the CNPS to better support nurses' mobility across jurisdictions.

As a CNPS beneficiary, when can I seek assistance from the CNPS, at no additional cost?

- **When you are named or threatened with a legal proceeding arising from your nursing practice:** CNPS assistance was designed to respond to a broad range of legal proceedings arising from nursing practice, such as:
 - civil actions (up to \$10M per claim),
 - investigations of breach of legal obligations (duty to report, protection of persons in care, privacy breaches, etc.) (up to \$1M per claim)
 - criminal investigations and prosecutions; (up to \$1M per claim)
 - coroner's inquests (up to \$1M per claim)

We select counsel and oversee the conduct of the proceedings throughout. All CNPS requests for assistance with a legal proceeding are considered by the CNPS on a case-by-case basis using a model similar to the legal assistance available to physicians. Visit cnps.ca/services/plp-core/ for more information.



- **When you need legal or risk management advice:** Call when you are unsure how to address a particular situation in your practice, when you are unclear about your professional or legal obligations or when your actions have been called into question.
- **When you are contemplating entering into a new professional arrangement:** The CNPS offers pre-contractual reviews of individual professional services agreements submitted to you for signature.
- **When you would like more information about legal trends and new legal developments:** The CNPS offers a wide-variety of risk-management education resources to beneficiaries, including articles, case studies, and webinars on a variety of topical and relevant issues.

As a CNPS beneficiary who is currently eligible for CNPS Professional Liability Protection and Core Services you have the option to apply for the **Supplementary Protection program**, which expands the circumstances in which you can seek assistance from the CNPS. If you are employed in a healthcare facility, your union may also be a source of legal assistance with complaints to regulatory bodies.

Call Early

Calling early, as soon as a concern arises, will ensure that important deadlines are met, can reduce the risk of escalation to a more serious legal matter and can often bring you peace of mind. Your communications with CNPS are confidential as they are protected by client-solicitor privilege. Contact CNPS at 1-800-267-3390 or cnps.ca/contact-us/.