

NOTICE OF MEASURE

to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Approved by the **GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA**

Regulated Occupation Name: Nurse Practitioners

Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected:

Quebec

Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:

Protection of human health

Rationale/Justification: Material Scope of Practice Difference

Nurse practitioners (NPs) in Alberta are authorized to practice independently within their scope of practice and are not required to be supervised by a physician. Nurse practitioners in Quebec are not authorized to diagnose chronic illnesses (although they may diagnose acute illness), or to independently set a treatment plan for managing chronic illness. Although the Quebec NP will do all related diagnostic work and treatment plan development, both the diagnosis and the treatment plan must receive final approval of a physician prior to treating a patient. It is not clear that the education program completed by NPs in Quebec prepares them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to work independently in this area. In addition, if NPs educated in Quebec were competent to practice independently upon graduation but have not utilized these skills in their practice, they may no longer be competent.

Additional Requirement(s):

Alberta will conduct an individual assessment of the competencies of an applicant from Quebec to ascertain whether the applicant possesses the competencies required to work independently as a nurse practitioner in Alberta. This will take the form of a modified prior learning assessment/substantial equivalency assessment, focusing only on specific competencies related to diagnosing and treating patients with chronic illness.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

Indefinite

Date Approved:

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Date(s) Reviewed and/or Updated

All of Alberta's Labour Mobility Exceptions are under review and will be reviewed, updated, revised, or removed.

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