

**EMA Regulation Amendment
Ministerial Order M244-2024**

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Ministerial Order (MO) [M244-2024](#) extends the transition timeline in MO [M292-2022](#) from September 23, 2024, to **September 23, 2025**, to complete the **required** [Schedule 1](#) training. All [Schedule 2](#) training for endorsements remains **optional** and has no deadline attached to it.

In addition, there have been some minor changes to reflect current need or practice

- Section 14 – the ability to publish the register online
- Schedule 1 Section 3(b) PCP the addition of non-opioid analgesics to allow PCP level and higher to administer the medications through routes other than those listed in the EMR services
- Schedule 1 Section 6(m) through (u) ITT has been updated to reflect current training and practice
- Schedule 2 Section 3(n) PCP has been updated to allow for drug therapy during transportation between facilities for PCP.

The EMA Licensing Board has been working with BC Emergency Health Services and the training institutions throughout BC since September of 2022 to define the requirements of gap modules to meet the immediate needs of currently licensed EMAs, and the requirements of endorsement modules to meet the current and future needs of licensees. Those EMAs that have not yet completed the scope expansion training may refer to the [Board Recognized Training for Endorsement and Restriction Modules](#) or the [Board Recognized Training Programs](#) to find a training program that meets their specific needs. The expanded scope of practice, at all licence levels, presents a significant increase in the breadth and quality of care EMAs may provide to patients. The EMA Licensing Board strongly encourages all EMAs to participate in scope expansion training at their earliest opportunity to optimize the care patients receive.

We are currently still in the transition period as identified in the MO. As such, EMAs must not provide the services added by the regulation amendment until after the EMA has successfully completed the training and/or examinations recognized by the Licensing Board and been provided confirmation by means of a revised licence letter. Please allow up to three weeks to process any licence updates and if after three weeks you have not received an updated licence, please contact getalicense@gov.bc.ca to ensure we have received the training roster from your instructor.

Board approved examinations for initial licenses do not currently include the new scope expansion. These updates will occur when all recognized training programs for that licence category have been updated to reflect the scope expansion, and after the existing cohorts from previous training have passed the 12-month licensing eligibility period.



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