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Board Position Statement on Intubation for PCPs

The legal scope of practice for Emergency Medical Assistants (EMAs) is outlined in the Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation [Schedule 1](#) and [Schedule 2](#). The Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board (The Board) may endorse a licence for an EMA to provide a service specified in Schedule 2 for the category of licence in which the EMA is licensed in [Section 10\(1\)](#)

Incorporating new skills or technologies into practice requires that an EMA successfully complete Board-recognized training. A completion certification must be accepted by the Board to enable the removal of license restrictions or the addition of license endorsements by the EMA Licensing Branch.

Tracheal intubation is not in any Board recognized Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) program. All Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), or equivalent, programs are not recognized by the Board for this PCP endorsement. Medications required to safely initiate or maintain intubation/sedation are not within the scope of practice of a PCP, thereby potentially putting the patient at risk. There are no stand-alone endorsement programs to obtain this endorsement.

The Board recognizes British Columbia Emergency Health Services' (BCEHS) authority under the *Emergency Health Services Act* to develop and operationalize provincial guidelines on practice in British Columbia; tracheal intubation is not operationalized within BCEHS at the PCP level.