

OPA Weekly Update Regarding CPBAO Consultation and RxP

October 21, 2025

Updated October 29, 2025

Dear OPA Members, we would like to share our understanding regarding the Ontario Regulation 193/23 Registration consultation period, as we are hearing that members are understandably confused regarding the process for consultation.

It is unfortunate that there has been a lot of confusion given the ambiguous wording of the college message. Our team of advisors has noted the College is required to hold its own consultations with Members of the College on any changes they wish to propose prior to submitting them to the Government for approval. That is what they are doing now. Then, if the Government wishes to move forward with the proposed changes, it appears that they would then post the proposed changes to the [Regulatory Registry](#) for public comment. Given the controversial and widely contested nature of this proposal, it is our hope and expectation that a formal government consultation period will follow, wherein feedback will be submitted directly to the ministry via their registry, rather than simply to CPBAO via survey monkey.

What does this mean for our membership? There will **potentially be two public-facing** consultation periods. We should treat each consultation period seriously and mobilize to act. The consultation for proposed changes that is open now **closes December 9, 2025**. **We expect there will be a second ministry-initiated consultation but there is no guarantee**, as the decision will rest with the Minister of Health.

We, like many of our members, are concerned about the lack of transparency from CPBAO in this process. The public is unlikely to be aware of this consultation period, as it is posted only on the CPBAO website; however, we are also aware there are some stakeholders and associations who support the College proposals. We would like to reiterate that the OPAs position is not that there is no pathway for MA registrants; rather that these sweeping changes are extreme and harmful, and that a carefully established middle-path approach would best balance government's concerns with the public's best interest.

We encourage members to stay informed about the consultation process and to consider submitting their own perspectives through the CPBAO. Public feedback is a critical part of this process, and hearing from psychologists and other stakeholders will help ensure that

the consultation reflects the realities of clinical practice and the needs of Ontarians.

Our communications team will continue leading external engagement efforts, including media and public-facing messaging, to ensure consistent and coordinated communication about this important issue.

Key Updates

- We continue to engage key stakeholders directly to discuss our concerns about this proposal.
- Our team is liaising with community partners to develop submissions, both for consultation and for government directly.
- We continue to meet regularly with the membership organized advocacy committee leads to ensure efficiency, accuracy, breadth, and alignment in our approach.

Consultations:

- **Registration modernization:** The 60 day period is underway. The link can be found [here](#). This consultation period ends December 9th. The college has also attached [materials to review](#).
- **RxP Consultation:** Rxp Consultation will end on **November 3rd**. All members are encouraged to share the [rxp consultation link](#) widely.

Looking Ahead:

This coming week your board will be:

- Working with our PR team to spread our message beyond our membership
- Planning to host a [Town Hall](#) on **Wednesday October 29th, 12-1pm to update the membership and to answer questions.**
- Prepare materials for members to use should they wish to support their consultation feedback.

What You Can Do

- **Participate** – Plan to submit your responses to the consultation ahead of the **December 9th deadline.**

- **Share** – Encourage colleagues to engage in consultations and share accurate information.
- **RxP Consultation:** Don't forget to submit your response for RxP consultation! We will be providing materials in the coming week.

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LUNCH & LEARN TOWNHALL MEETING

Re: Proposed Changes Put Forward by the CPBAO



OCT 29 | 12 PM - 1 PM (ET)

REGISTER TODAY



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2025

12:00 - 1:00 PM

The OPA Board will be holding a town hall meeting for our membership to discuss the proposed changes put forward by the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario (CPBAO).

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update of what we currently know of the proposed changes, and create an open space for feedback, questions, and discussion.

This is an important opportunity for members to voice their concerns, seek clarification, and contribute to a collective response if necessary.

We encourage members to attend and participate in shaping our organization's position on these developments.

The discussion will be facilitated by members of the OPA's Board of Directors.

Please join us on Wednesday October 29th from 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

Kindly note: This townhall will not be recorded and is only open to active OPA members.

You must login to OPA Communities in order to register. For assistance, please contact opa@psych.on.ca.



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