

## **POLICY ON CONTINUING COMPETENCE IN EMERGENCY SKILLS**

Registered midwives with an active practising (clinical) or provisional licence (clinical) must complete a course or assessment in obstetric emergency skills every two years.<sup>1</sup> Proof of successful completion of an approved emergency skills course will be required for initial registration and annual licence renewal.

The minimum required standard is successful completion of a course that covers emergency management in the following areas:

- Postpartum hemorrhage
- Intrapartum and antepartum hemorrhage
- Abnormal fetal heart rate
- Malpresentation and cord prolapse
- Shoulder dystocia
- Emergency breech birth
- Emergency twin birth

Approved courses/assessment programs include:

- Obstetric emergency skills courses and assessments administered by an approved Canadian university midwifery education program or bridging program
- Emergency Skills Workshop (ESW) provided by the Ontario Association of Midwives, Midwives Association of Manitoba, Association of Alberta Midwives, Regroupement les Sages-Femmes du Québec, or Canadian Association of Midwives
- Midwifery Emergency Skills Program (MESP) provided by the Association of Midwives of British Columbia
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)
- Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiently Program (MORE <sup>OB</sup>)

All approved emergency skills courses must be delivered by certified instructors.

Midwives who are certified instructors in any of the above programs will be considered to have met this continuing competency requirement when proof is provided of:

- a) a current instructor's certificate; and
- b) teaching and conducting assessments in each of the emergency areas listed above in the preceding 36 months.

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<sup>1</sup>The change from three years to two years will come into effect for the licence year 2019-20.

Midwives seeking to meet this continuing competence requirement through another course not listed above must obtain pre-approval from the MRCNS Registrar.

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