



ESW Recertification Update

On June 17th an [email](#) from the CMO informed midwives that “evidence of training in Emergency Skills (ES) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for registration renewal 2020-2021 will not be required.”

The decision from the CMO helps to alleviate some of the pressures midwives have faced in recent months with the cancellation of ESWs across the province; however, it does not remove the requirement that midwives “be competent in all areas of their practice” and be able to demonstrate such competency “at all times” ([Professional Standards for Midwives, 2018](#)).

If you were due to recertify in ESW by October 2020 and you decide to postpone, you should do a self-assessment to determine how to maintain competence throughout the 2020/2021 years. Midwives should perform and document these self-assessments, as well as any other activities undertaken to ensure ongoing knowledge, skill and judgement in emergency skills.

Alternatives to ESW recertification include activities such as, but not limited to:

- independent study of the 2019 ESW Manual
- review and discussion of emergency management concepts and steps with practice colleagues
- completion of skills drills

For questions about the CMO’s message on recertification, please email [Allyson Booth](#), Director, Quality and Risk Management.

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While the CMO is not requiring evidence of training in emergency skills until October 2021, the capacity of the AOM to recertify a large number of midwives in the Spring and Summer of 2021 is limited. To meet member needs, the AOM is expecting to continue with all ESWs scheduled during 2020-21 and offer additional ESWs in a number of locations, with [measures and precautions to decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission](#) (PDF, 480 KB). We encourage midwives to attend ESWs as planned throughout Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 to ensure that requirements for continuing competence are met in October 2021.

For questions about upcoming ESW events, please email our [ESW team](#).

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