

This policy provides guidance to community pharmacy managers on complying with their obligations under the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* (“PODSA”) and the PODSA Bylaws, including section 18(2) of the PODSA Bylaws.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Effective September 1, 2018:

Community pharmacy managers must complete the following educational program to ensure that they are aware of, understand, and comply with all of their obligations under PODSA and the PODSA Bylaws:

Course Name: BC Community Pharmacy Manager Training Program
Course Provider: British Columbia Pharmacy Association

The program must be completed in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) for community pharmacy managers appointed as such before September 1, 2018, on or before September 1, 2019;
- (b) for community pharmacy managers appointed as such on or after September 1, 2018, as soon as practicable and no later than one year after appointment; and
- (c) for all community pharmacy managers, every three years after compliance with (a) or (b), as applicable.

For further clarity, pharmacy managers are considered to have complied with (b) on the date that they completed the program, whether that date is before or after their appointment as pharmacy manager.

Registrants who are interested in becoming community pharmacy managers are encouraged to complete the program at their discretion in preparation for their future positions.

BACKGROUND:

Pharmacy managers have distinct and extensive responsibilities that are beyond those of general registrants. All pharmacy managers have a responsibility to educate themselves with respect to their obligations under PODSA and the PODSA Bylaws.