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## **Membership Advisory**

### **Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) – June 2001**

The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) is a national agreement which was developed to address jurisdictional obligations under the federal Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). The MRA was developed by the national regulators of Psychology in Canada. The Saskatchewan College of Psychologists (SCP) is signatory to the agreement. The SCP formally began to admit applicants under the MRA in November 2003, once the necessary infrastructure had been established. The MRA facilitates the mobility of Full Practice registered Psychologists between jurisdictions, and outlines the standards of competence and training that are felt to be necessary for the independent practice of Psychology in Canada.

The MRA outlines 5 areas of core competence skills that independent practitioners of Psychology must possess: Interpersonal Relationships, Assessment and Evaluation, Intervention and Consultation, Research, and Ethics and Standards. In addition, an amendment in 2004 to the MRA established the core body of academic training that Psychologists must possess to be deemed MRA compliant. This is referred to in the agreement as the Foundational Knowledge (FK) requirement. The FK requirement consists of one graduate course or a one year equivalent undergraduate course at the 300-400 level in each of the following areas: Biological Bases of Behaviour, Cognitive Bases of Behaviour, Social Bases of Behaviour, and the Psychology of the Individual.

Members who were admitted to the Register prior to July 1, 2003 can be grandparented into MRA compliance once they have been listed on the Register for 5 years as a Full Practice member in good standing with no history of complaints or disciplinary action against them. Full Practice members who do not qualify for grandparenting under the MRA can be assessed for MRA compliance by the SCP; this will involve writing the EPPP, submission of documentation and references, and may involve an MRA oral examination.

To qualify for transfer to another jurisdiction under the MRA, members must be registered and practicing as a Full Practice Psychologist in their home jurisdiction at the time of application to the receiving jurisdiction. Additional information on the MRA can be obtained at <http://www.cpa.ca/documents/MRA.pdf>