

## Applicant's Self-Report of MRA Competencies Form

As of December 2004, the Applicant's Self-Report of MRA Competencies form has been added to the registration process of the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists for all new applicants, and Full Practice members who do not qualify for MRA grand-parenting yet but are wishing to be MRA compliant. This Form is intended to eliminate the members need to undertake a written self report of their compliance with MRA competencies with a list of competencies and a five-choice self-rating for each. The new form is available from the SCP office in a 'Microsoft Word' version, which allows for easy addition of self-comments. It will be placed on the SCP Website, among the SCP forms, as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file in January.

As you know, all full practice members who achieved this status prior to July 1, 2003 will become MRA compliant with no additional requirements though a grandparent agreement in the MRA. However, this arrangement requires five years to pass after the full practice member's date of achieving a full practice registration in Saskatchewan to allow MRA portability. Prior to the elapse of five years, if a full practice member wants to move, they must be assessed here or in the new jurisdiction for MRA compliance. Where to have this done is their choice. The new form will replace the freely written self-report of MRA competencies for these not yet compliant members wishing to move as well.

Achieving MRA compliance allows increased portability of practice credentials between jurisdictions in Canada with very limited further conditions being set by the receiving jurisdiction. This portability offers enhanced credibility of the practice of Psychology within the province of Saskatchewan, by assuring that nationally accepted standards for qualifications are met by members of the College.

In general, it is hoped that this change will allow new candidates and their supervisors greater certainty regarding the expectations for competence at entry to full practice with less self justifying writing about competencies. All members will have the opportunity to suggest changes to this new form until April, after which revisions will be undertaken, based upon an analysis of the advice received.