



### **Why is there a proposed change to the title: the *Pharmacy Act* to the *Pharmacy Professions Act*?**

The name change to Pharmacy Professions Act clarifies the legislation's focus, regulating pharmacists' and pharmacy technicians' roles and standards, as the current title does not reflect the Act's content.

### **How has pharmacy practice in Canada evolved, and why should Nunavut catch up?**

Across Canada, pharmacy practice has expanded, with pharmacists providing a wider range of services. Nunavut needs to update its legislation to match these national advancements, enabling pharmacists to contribute fully to patient care and addressing unique health care challenges in the territory.

### **Why do the complaints and disciplinary components to the Act require amendments?**

The complaints and disciplinary provisions in the current Act are outdated. They do not reflect modern conflict resolution processes, nor are they compassionate to individuals' potential realities.

An updated complaints and disciplinary process would consider an alternative dispute process whereby the complainant, the professional, and a facilitator would work together and come to a resolution. A fitness to practice provision will also be considered to account for all the qualities and capabilities of an individual relevant to their capacity to practice, including but not limited to freedom from any cognitive, physical, psychological, or emotional condition, or a dependence on alcohol or drugs, that impairs their ability to practice.

### **How do the proposed amendments align with government priorities?**

The amendments support government initiatives for health care advancement, patient-centered care, and equitable access to health care services.

### **What outcomes are expected from an updated *Pharmacy Act*?**

Expected outcomes include enhanced patient safety, better medication access, reduced unclaimed medications, and improved integration with other regions. Patients will benefit from streamlined services and comprehensive medication management, while health care providers will experience better support and collaboration from pharmacy professionals.

### **How can Nunavummiut and other stakeholders contribute to the revision process?**

Stakeholders can engage through public consultations, providing feedback on the discussion paper, and collaborating with the government to identify improvements and best practices.

**How can I learn more about these changes?**

For more information, visit the Nunavut Department of Health's website at [www.gov.nu.ca/health](http://www.gov.nu.ca/health). You can also contact the Department at [NU.Pharmacyact@gov.nu.ca](mailto:NU.Pharmacyact@gov.nu.ca) for specific inquiries. Regular updates and announcements are posted on government social media channels and through press releases. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in meetings, webinars, and public consultations for deeper insights.