

NNPBC AND ARNBC

Key Messages:

- NNPBC and ARNBC are not-for-profit societies registered in the province of British Columbia (ARNBC in July 2010, and NNPBC in September 2018). All filings are current. Anyone can validate this information through BC Registry.
- We encourage members to research and review all information before making decisions based on false information or rumour.
- Membership in NNPBC is free for 2019. In 2020, fees will be charged on a voluntary basis and there will be no fee collection agreement.
- We welcome all nurses to join and participate in building an association that supports their professional voice.

2019 is a transitional year for the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia ("ARNBC") and the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia ("NNPBC").

NNPBC is a separate society from ARNBC. NNPBC was formerly known as the B.C. Coalition of Nursing Associations ("BCCNA"). The membership of BCCNA included:

- ARNBC
- Association of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia
- British Columbia Nurse Practitioner Association
- The Nursing Education Council of BC
- Licensed Practical Nursing Association of British Columbia.

The purpose of BCCNA was to bring together the different nursing professional associations to collaborate and further the nursing profession throughout British Columbia. This group of elected nurse leaders determined that a single professional nursing association would be a valuable step towards improved collaboration in health care and strengthening of the nursing voice. BCCNA then underwent a period of consultation which resulted in the organization taking steps to form NNPBC.

It is important to note:

- It was agreed that it would be a bad idea for NNPBC to assume the legal challenges brought against ARNBC. Accordingly, ARNBC continues to exist as a separate society from NNPBC.
- This is the last year that ARNBC will have a fee collection agreement with the College.
- During 2019, NNPBC is providing ARNBC with administrative assistance to carry out its activities and meet its responsibilities.
- In 2019, NNPBC is not charging any membership fees. Voluntary members will pay dues but there will be no mandatory fees to non-members or fees charged via BCCNP.
- NNPBC will not have a fee collection agreement with the College.
- We encourage all nurses (LPN, NP, RN, RPN) to join NNPBC and become part of the movement towards a single professional nursing association.