



College of Traditional Chinese Medicine  
Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario

Ordre des praticiens en médecine traditionnelle  
chinoise et des acupuncteurs de l'Ontario

**REMINDER:**

**Less than three months remaining for the PLAR deadline**

**April 24, 2017**

Dear CTCMPAO Member or Stakeholder:

This special bulletin is a reminder that all members in the Grandparented class must complete the Prior Learning Assessment Process (PLAR) by **July 1, 2017**.

If you are a member of CTCMPAO in the General class or as a Grandparented member have already successfully completed PLAR and transferred to the General class, you may disregard this message. If you know anyone who may benefit from this reminder, please forward this on to them as soon as possible.

The PLAR process is a competency-based assessment tool only for members holding a Grandparented class of registration. Grandparented members must demonstrate they possess the experience and learning that meets the entry-level competencies.

Grandparented members are required to complete the PLAR process through Professional Testing, a third party that administers the PLAR process on behalf of CTCMPAO.

All grandparented members wishing to transfer to the General Class must complete the PLAR process by **July 1, 2017**, and apply to transfer to the General class by **November 1, 2017**, in order to continue to practice as a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner and/or Acupuncturist in Ontario.

**All Grandparented certificates of registration will expire on April 1, 2018** and you will not be authorized to practice after this date in Ontario.

For more information on registering for PLAR, please visit the College website at <http://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/member/plar/>

You can also contact the College directly:

Telephone: 416.238.7359

Toll-free (in Ontario): 1.866.624.8483

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the deadline to complete PLAR?**

All Grandparented members must successfully complete the PLAR process no later than **July 1, 2017**.

### **When should I apply for PLAR?**

You should apply immediately (or as soon as possible). It is not advisable to apply too close to the deadline date. Professional Testing requires 6 to 8 weeks to complete the assessment.

### **What happens if I do not complete PLAR?**

Without the successful completion of PLAR, you will not be eligible to transfer to General class. Your Grandparented certificate will expire on **April 1, 2018**. Therefore, you will no longer be permitted to practise Traditional Chinese Medicine, perform the controlled acts and use the protected titles of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner and/or Acupuncturist, and the designations of R. TCMP and/or R. Ac

### **What is the deadline to transfer to General Class?**

Grandparented members must submit the transfer application to the College no later than November 1, 2017.

### **I have registered and completed PLAR before the July 1, 2017 deadline but have not yet received my results?**

As long as you attempted PLAR before the July 1 deadline, your application will remain open until after your results are received by the College. You will still have the opportunity to complete and transfer to the General class no later than November 1, 2017 but you must register for PLAR before the July 1 deadline.