



British Columbia Mental Health Review Board

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TITLE: Guidance – Registry Terms for Hearing Participants

The Board's Registry is the Board's office. The Registry receives patient applications for a review panel hearing (application), processes applications and documents received by the Board, schedules hearings, and manages the progress of applications received. The Registry also provides information regarding the Board's procedures, rules, and practices. The Registry cannot provide legal advice.

The Registry may use words or phrases that may not be known or understood. Some of these words or phrases are explained below. If more information is needed, a participant can contact the Registry.

Patient Ineligible – Patient ineligible means that a patient is not eligible for a hearing as the patient does not meet the statutory criteria set out in the *Mental Health Act*. The Board will dismiss the patient's application.

Patient Withdrawal – Patient withdrawal means that a patient withdraws their application for a hearing. A patient may withdraw their application at any time before a hearing begins. The patient's hearing will be cancelled. The Board will close the patient's file with the Board. The patient may bring a new application during the same certification period.

Decertified – Decertified means that a patient has been discharged from certification before the patient's review panel hearing. The patient's hearing will be cancelled. The Board will close the patient's file with the Board.

Postponement – Postponement means one of the following:

- i) Before a scheduled hearing, upon request or the Board's own motion, a scheduled hearing is adjourned by the Board to a later date. The Board will reschedule the hearing in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).
- ii) At the scheduled hearing, upon request or the Board's own motion, the hearing is adjourned by the Board to a later date. The postponement occurs before the review panel hears evidence and the review panel is not seized. The Board will reschedule the hearing in accordance with the Board's Rules.

Adjournment – Adjournment means that, at a scheduled hearing, upon request or the Board’s own motion, the hearing is adjourned by the Board to a later date. The adjournment occurs after the review panel hears evidence and the review panel is seized. The Board will reschedule the hearing in accordance with the Board’s Rules.

Cancelled at Hearing – Cancelled at Hearing means that a patient failed to attend a scheduled hearing and the hearing is cancelled. The Board will close the patient’s file with the Board.

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