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### MLA Regulation Fact Sheet

#### I'm an MLA, what does this mean for me?

- MLAs will one day become a regulated profession in Manitoba alongside the MLTs.
- The current MLT regulator is the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba (CMLTM).
- Membership with CMLTM will be **mandatory** under the Registered Health Professions Act (RHPA).

#### What does membership with CMLTM mean for me?

- Annual registration and renewal of your Certificate to Practice as an MLA in Manitoba.
- If you want to work as an MLA in Manitoba, you will be required to have membership with CMLTM.
- Provide you with a larger Medical Laboratory Community dedicated to patient safety.
- Participation in a Continuing Competency program aimed at excelling in patient care and safety.
- There will be a grandfather/legacy clause built into the Regulations under the RHPA to ensure that MLAs with education and experience do not need to write an exam years after their MLA education.
- MLAs training in the province in the future will be required to pass the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS) MLA entry-to-practice exam to register with CMLTM.
- CMLTM serves as a resource of support for its membership to ensure patient safety.

#### What is Professional Regulation?

- Mandated by the provincial government to serve and protect the public interest through the establishment and enforcement of standards of qualification, practice, and conduct of MLTs, and soon to be MLAs and CLXTs under the RHPA.
- Professional Regulation means the profession(s) regulate(s) themselves. Together, the MLAs, CLXTs, and MLTs will form a Council with public representatives to set rules, standards, and ethics for Medical Laboratory Professionals working in Manitoba. It is a privilege to be self-regulated, rather than government regulated.



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- Right to Title, just as MLTs currently have legal right to use Medical Laboratory Technologist or MLT in their name and title, MLAs will have the right to the title, Medical Laboratory Assistant or MLA under the RHPA.

### Roles of the College

- Sets the rules, standards of practice, and ethics.
- Determines the entry-to-practice exams.
- Participates in accreditation of Educational Institutions of professional programs.
- Approves educational programs.
- Develops and implements a Continuing Competency Program.
- Reviews the complaints made against members to ensure public safety.
- Enforces the standards and ethics upheld by membership through the Complaints and Inquiry Committees.
- Provides a forum for discussion for Medical Laboratory Professionals to ensure public safety

### Questions?

- On **May 21, 2026**, join the Registrar, Janie McBey, for our first conversation with MLAs and CLXTs on the future of Regulation in Manitoba. If you have questions in advance, you may submit them below. Janie will address all questions either during the chat or in a published document shared on our website and with our email list after the presentation.
- Ask Questions before the Chat on May 21, 2026, here:  
<https://app.sli.do/event/tUUBW2pRcrzi6zdXv2wUSq>

