

Effective June 30, 2026, the Nova Scotia Nursing and Midwifery Regulator (NSNMR) was formed as a multi-profession regulator, replacing the former the Midwifery Regulatory Council of Nova Scotia (MRCNS) and the Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN). NSNMR will regulate licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs), nurse practitioners (NPs) and registered midwives (RMs) on behalf of the public.

While this document contains current information about this topic, some content references MRCNS and previous legislation before June 30, 2026. We appreciate your patience as we continue updating our documents to align with our new name and legislation.

Scope of practice of midwifery

- 1 (1) The scope of practice of midwifery is the application of specialized and evidence-based midwifery knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
 - (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of midwifery as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
 - (a) prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care of clients;
 - (b) assessing, diagnosing, treating and managing health conditions and diseases related to sexual and reproductive health;
 - (c) health promotion and disease prevention activities related to the activities described in clauses (a) and (b);
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of midwifery also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based midwifery knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 2 Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the *Act*, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
 - (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.