

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO ACT, 2017

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF: An Application for Student Registration by A [REDACTED]
A [REDACTED], pursuant to Regulation 9-1: Student Registration,
Obligations and Standing, Section 13: Good Character on
Registration, as amended.

TO: A [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] (Applicant)
[REDACTED]

AND TO: The Admission and Registration Committee

NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR A HEARING

Pursuant to section 13 of Regulation 9-1, adopted by Council under the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario Act, 2017*, and the By-law governing the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario ("CPA Ontario"), I hereby request the Admission and Registration Committee ("ARC") to convene an oral hearing with respect to this application.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE REQUEST ARE:

1. The Applicant applied to be registered as a student with the CPA Ontario on November 16, 2022. Having reviewed the application for student registration, I am not satisfied that the Applicant has provided evidence of good character as required in section 13 of Regulation 9-1.
2. The particulars are as follows:
 - a. In her application for registration, the Applicant answered "yes" to the following two questions:
 - "Have you ever had a professional licence or permit suspended or revoked as a result of a discipline proceeding?"
 - "Are you, or have you ever been, subject to a disciplinary proceeding by an academic institution or regulatory body or is there any complaint or allegations outstanding against you?"
 - b. In responding to these questions, the Applicant indicated that she had been a Registered Pharmacy Technician and member of the Ontario College of Pharmacists. She indicated that in that capacity, her certificate of registration had been suspended as a result of a discipline proceeding.
 - c. The Ontario College of Pharmacists imposed a disciplinary sanction following a discipline proceeding on September 4, 2019, which related to the Applicant's

conduct from August-September 2016 while working as a Registered Pharmacy Technician.

- d. The discipline proceeding related to the Applicant's theft of narcotics from the pharmacy at which she worked. She misappropriated these drugs for her own personal use and for the use of her boyfriend. Neither the Applicant nor her boyfriend had prescriptions for these drugs.
- e. In total, the Applicant placed twelve orders for narcotics and, upon delivery to the pharmacy, misappropriated those narcotics without documenting their delivery and without booking them into the pharmacy's inventory. In total, she misappropriated a total of 90 patches of SDZ Fentanyl (50 mcg), 5 patches of SDZ-Fentanyl (75 mcg), and 1000 tablets of Oxycodone (5 and 325 mg).
- f. According to the Ontario College of Pharmacists' public register, the Applicant entered into an undertaking not to practise on November 17, 2016. She was administratively suspended for non-payment of fees on April 21, 2017, and then had her certificate of registration cancelled for non-payment on August 21, 2017. She is not currently a member of the Ontario College of Pharmacists.
- g. The discipline proceeding regarding the Applicant's conduct took place in September 2019. At that hearing, the Applicant admitted to the misconduct and indicated that she had been addicted to Fentanyl and that she had been subjected to abusive text messages from her boyfriend. The Applicant entered into an Agreed Statement of Facts and pleaded guilty to the following allegations:
 - Failure to maintain a standard of practice of the profession;
 - Dispensing or selling drugs for an improper purpose;
 - Failing to keep records as required;
 - Contravening the *Pharmacy Act, 1991*, the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act*, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, or the regulations under those Acts (and, in particular, section 155 of the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.4, as amended);
 - Contravening a federal or provincial law or municipal by-law with respect to the distribution, sale, or dispensing of any drug or mixture of drugs and, in particular, section 4 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 19, as amended and/or section 31 of the *Narcotic Control Regulations*, C.R.C., c. 1041, as amended; and
 - Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable, or unprofessional.
- h. The Discipline Committee of the Ontario College of Pharmacists imposed the following penalty:
 - A reprimand;

- The imposition of several terms, conditions, and limitations on the Applicant's certificate of registration, should she ever again obtain an active certificate of registration with the College; and
 - The suspension of the Applicant's certificate of registration for a 10-month period (with 1 month to be remitted if the Applicant completed an ethics course within a specified time period). The suspension is to begin running on the date on which the Applicant obtains an active certificate of registration with the College.
3. I have determined that the Applicant otherwise meets all the criteria for registration as a student.

January 31st, 2023

Date



Heidi Franken, CPA, CA
Registrar