

## 2020 Document Definitions and Descriptions

Document Type	Description	Authority	SRNA Consultation	Communication with Council	Notes
<b>The Registered Nurses Act, 1988</b>	provides the legislative authority for Registered Nurse and Graduate Nurse practice in Saskatchewan. This legislation provides authority for the bylaws and defines the scope of practice for SRNA members.	<b>Legislation</b>	No regular requirements	No regular requirements	The RN Act, 1988 is set in legislation by the provincial government. The original registered nurses was proclaimed March 10, 1917.
<b>SRNA Bylaws</b>	are a set of rules developed and implemented by the organization relating to the governance of its members and the management of its affairs.	<b>Legislation</b>	Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members	Require Council Approval followed by membership vote at annual meeting	<p>The authority for profession-led regulation and development of regulatory bylaws comes from the RN Act, 1988. Bylaws are created internally, vetted through the SRNA Legislation and Bylaws Committee and are approved by Council and SRNA membership at the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>The RN Act, 1988 speaks to the practice of registered nurses and graduate nurses. The Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioner) (RN(NP)) category is enabled within the SRNA bylaws. Registered Nurse with Additional Authorized Practice (RN(AAP)) is a designation within the RN category. All RN(NP)s and RN(AAP)s are registered nurses first, therefore all expectations for registered nurse practice apply. Practicing membership is limited to those who hold a license to practice registered nursing by the SRNA.</p>

<b>Code of Ethics</b>	sets out the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all practicing SRNA members. Any RN who fails to provide care in accordance with the code, can result in a decision of professional misconduct.	<b>Bylaw</b>	Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members	Requires Council Approval followed by membership vote at annual meeting	Council reviews and adopts a code of ethics for registered nurses, then SRNA membership is given the opportunity to vote on the adoption of the code of ethics at the annual meeting during the bylaws presentation.
<b>Standards</b>	are formal requirements which outline the minimum level of expected performance of safe, competent and ethical nursing care.	<b>Bylaw</b>	Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members	Require Council Approval followed by membership vote at annual meeting	
<b>Entry-Level Competencies (ELCs)</b>	are the observable ability of a registered nurse at entry-level that integrates the knowledge, skills, abilities and judgment required to practice nursing safely and ethically.	<b>Bylaw</b>	Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members	Require Council Approval followed by membership vote at annual meeting	
<b>Council Policies</b>	contain requirements set by the SRNA Council to supplement the RN Act and Bylaws. Certain council policies focus on registration practices,	<b>SRNA Council</b>	Internal consultation SRNA Advisory Committees	Require Council Approval	Practicing SRNA members are required to follow Council policies that outline or define clinical practice.  Some policies are also created internally in the SRNA and are presented to Council for decision-making.

	administration, and governance of the SRNA. Other policies focus on clinical requirements for practice.		Targeted consultation with key stakeholders		
<b>Guidelines</b>	support the application of the standards and competencies and code of ethics and provide direction for registered nursing practice.	<b>SRNA Council</b>	Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members	Require Council Approval	Guidelines support the professional practice of SRNA members.
<b>Position Statements</b>	present SRNA’s evidence-informed view on a particular issue.	<b>SRNA Council</b>	Internal: Targeted and broad consultation with key stakeholders and members External: Council Decision	Require Council Approval	Position statements advocate for and/or advance policies to address issues of health and well-being of the public. They may be created internally or adopted from other organizations based on Council direction.
<b>Resources, tools and templates</b>	Are documents that support the professional practice of SRNA members.	<b>Executive Director</b>	Internal Consultation Possible targeted external consultation	FYI to Council	These documents offer guidance that is aligned with SRNA ends and strategic objectives. Numerous documents and resources are created internally to support practice and well-being of the public.  Further delineation will occur for types and purposes of documents within this heading.