

Human Resources Legislative Update

Regulatory Amendments Made Under *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*

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On August 28, 2013, the Ontario government filed [O. Reg. 246/13](#), amending [O. Reg. 79/10](#) (General) made under the [Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007](#) ("Act").

Among other things, O. Reg. 246/13 amends the qualification requirements for certain persons working or employed in a long-term care home prior to the day the Act and O. Reg. 79/10 came into force (July 1, 2010). If specified criteria are met, those persons can be hired in a different long-term care home in the same position without meeting certain qualification requirements under O. Reg. 79/10. Positions affected include:

- designated lead for social and recreational activities
- staff providing recreational and social activities
- nutrition managers
- cooks
- food service workers
- designated lead for housekeeping, laundry, maintenance
- Administrators
- Directors of Nursing and Personal Care

O. Reg. 246/13 also amends the critical incident reporting requirements, the training and qualification requirements for food service workers, the training requirements for cooks, the definition of a "registered dietitian" and the admission process for short-stay residents in the convalescent care program.

With certain exceptions, O. Reg. 246/13 comes into force on September 15, 2013.