

## Position Statement

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### Support for Regulation: Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs)

**The Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS) endorses the regulation of medical laboratory technologists (MLTs) in all jurisdictions across Canada. As a key element of patient safety, regulation defines the practice of medical laboratory science, establishes the requirements and qualifications necessary to practice in the medical laboratory profession, and describes the boundaries within which the profession operates.**

The CSMLS supports employing MLTs in the medical workplace, providing that the MLT meets the following criteria:

- has relevant education and/or experience
- is certified with the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science
- performs within his or her scope of practice and/or level of professional certification
- meets the requirements for licensure in his/her jurisdiction
- adheres to the CSMLS Code of Professional Conduct\*
- is accountable for his or her professional acts.

Implicit in these responsibilities is the need to maintain the knowledge, skills and judgment commensurate with the appropriate professional level. It is mandatory for regulated MLTs to meet identified competency requirements and to undergo continued competency training.

The purpose of professional regulation is to provide public assurance and protection. Regulation ensures that competent, qualified, registered medical laboratory technologists provide safe and ethical laboratory testing in Canada.

*Note: The CSMLS acknowledges the diversity of job titles for MLTs in Canada and has selected this term as it relates to the National Competency Profile. Reference to the title MLT includes, but is not limited to: medical laboratory technologist and registered technologist.*

\* some regulators may have a Code that supersedes CSMLS