

Progressive Licensing Framework

Health Canada is initiating an update to the drug regulatory system in response to the advances in pharmaceutical sciences, drug development, and changes in public expectations.

To ensure that Health Canada is capable of maintaining and enhancing its reputation as a science-based and reliable regulator, the Progressive Licensing Project was initiated to develop a drug regulatory system for the future. The Progressive Licensing Framework is based on sound science and risk management that supports timely access to promising new pharmaceuticals and biologics. This new framework would also provide for the continuous monitoring and reassessment of potential safety, quality, efficacy and effectiveness concerns to allow for adequate evaluation of benefits and risks, throughout the product life cycle.

For more information on the new system visit the new Progressive Licensing website at: www.healthcanada.gc.ca/progressive_licensing. The website details the plan for developing a new framework, and provides an opportunity for discussion with Canadians regarding drug licensing. As development continues, the website will grow with the addition of more details about specific issues, results of stakeholder interaction, and ultimately a new proposed regulatory framework.

