

## **Mandatory Vulnerable Sector Police Check for College Registrants**

### **Why does the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals require their registrants (CVRP, CCVE) to complete a Vulnerable Sector Police Check (VSPC)?**

Every Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Professional in Canada must complete a Vulnerable Sector Police Check (VSPC), for initial certification and registration by their professional regulatory College in order to protect the public. The College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals (the College) is a Canadian federal self-regulatory body that certifies vocational rehabilitation professionals who work with *vulnerable persons*, including minors, seniors, those with disabilities and mental health issues, etc., through a rigorous application process and competency examination.

In order to protect the public as per the College's primary mandate, all certification applicants are required to submit a current VSPC, as they work one-on-one with *vulnerable* members of the public as their primary work task. The VSPC is one of the ways that the College can ensure that the professional entering their home or place of employment or their treatment facility to provide rehabilitation services is of acceptable moral character, with no criminal or questionable behaviour in their present or past history. This police search is requested regardless of whom the potential registrant or the certified registrant works for, or may work for in the future – as an independent consultant, a contract consultant or for a private or public employer.

### **Who is a vulnerable person?**

The College follows the definition of vulnerable persons according to the *Canadian Criminal Records Act* (6.3-1), which states that a “*vulnerable person* means a person who, because of his or her age, a disability or other circumstances, whether temporary or permanent, (a) is in a position of dependency on others; or (b) is otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by a person in a position of trust or authority towards them.”

**All new certification applicants and present certified registrants with the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals are required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check once every 5 years. The cost associated with completing this VSPC is the responsibility of the registrant/potential registrant.**

**For more information please visit: <https://www.cvrp.ca/vulnerable-sector-police-check/>**