



## PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S DIRECTIVE

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### HEALTH CARE QUALIFICATION IDENTIFIERS

In Ontario, Community Service members who are:

1. Medical Doctors (currently licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) are entitled to wear Red Piping on the Community Service uniform hat and epaulettes.
2. Registered Nurses (currently registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario) are entitled to wear Red Bars on Community Service uniform epaulettes.
3. Registered Practical Nurses (currently registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario) are entitled to wear Green Bars on Community Service uniform epaulettes.
4. EMCAs (currently employed as such with a Licensed Ambulance Service in Ontario, or an AEC/Paramedic Program of a recognized college or health care facility in Ontario - as evidenced by a current OASIS number or proof of employment, or who hold a current BTS level 2 certification) are entitled to wear Blue Bars on Community Service uniform epaulettes.
5. EMAs who are currently employed as such with a Licensed Ambulance Service in Ontario (as evidenced by a current OASIS number or proof of employment) are entitled to wear Blue Bars on Community Service uniform epaulettes.
6. Currently certified **Independent Patient Care Providers** (IPCPs) holding valid BTS level 1 or BTS level 2 status and being 18 years of age or older, are entitled to wear Orange Bar(s) - one bar or two bars respectively, on Community Service uniform epaulettes.

If a member wishes to wear one of the above identifiers then the supervisor of the Community Service Unit must check evidence of the applicable qualifications annually. Only the highest patient care qualification identifier will be worn (e.g. registered nurses with BTS qualifications will only wear red bars).

Piping, bars and epaulettes are available through the St. John Ambulance Stores Department.

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