

**Redline to reflect amendments proposed to designate
“psychotherapy” as a health profession**

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Health Professions Act

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS DESIGNATION
AND AMALGAMATION REGULATION
B.C. Reg. 270/2008**

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Definition

- 1 In this regulation, “**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*.

PART 1 – DESIGNATIONS

Designations

- 2 (1) The designations of the following health professions are continued for the purposes of the Act:
 - (a) dental hygiene;
 - (b) dental technology;
 - (c) denturism;
 - (d) dietetics;
 - (e) massage therapy;

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- (f) midwifery;
 - (g) naturopathic medicine;
 - (h) nursing;
 - (i) occupational therapy;
 - (j) opticianry;
 - (k) physical therapy;
 - (l) psychology;
 - (m) psychiatric nursing;
 - (n) traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture.
- (2) The designation of licensed practical nursing is continued, for the purposes of the Act, as practical nursing.
- (3) The following professions are designated for the purposes of the Act:
- (a) audiology, hearing instrument dispensing and speech-language pathology;
 - (b) chiropractic;
 - (c) optometry;
 - (d) the practice of pharmacy;
 - (e) dentistry;
 - (f) medicine;
 - (g) podiatric medicine;
 - (h) clinical perfusion, respiratory therapy, radiation therapy and medical laboratory technology;
 - (i) psychotherapy.

[am. B.C. Regs. 412/2008, s. 2; 419/2008, App., s. 4; 420/2008, App., s. 6; 421/2008, App., s. 6; 422/2008, App., s. 6; 423/2008, App., s. 6; 169/2010, s. (c); 132/2017.]

PART 2 – APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION

Application fee

- 3** The application fee to be submitted with an application under section 7 (1) of the Act is \$2 000.

Cost of investigation

- 4** The minister may not charge to a health profession association the first \$7 500 of costs incurred by the minister in the conduct of the investigation of the health profession association's application under section 7 (1) of the Act.

Fees and costs prorated

- 5** If the minister conducts one investigation for the designation of a health profession in

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respect of more than one application under section 7 (1) of the Act, the fee payable under section 3 and the costs in excess of the amount under section 4 may be prorated by the minister between or among the health profession associations that have applied.

PART 3 – PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA

Criteria for designation of health professions

- 6** (1) For the purposes of section 10 (1) of the Act, the minister must consider the extent to which the practice of a health profession may involve a risk of physical, mental or emotional harm to the health, safety or well-being of the public, having regard to the following:
- (a) the services performed by practitioners of the health profession;
 - (b) the technology, including instruments and materials, used by practitioners of the health profession;
 - (c) the invasiveness of the procedure or mode of treatment used by practitioners of the health profession;
 - (d) the degree to which the health profession is practised
 - (i) under the supervision of another person who is qualified to practise as a member of a different health profession, or
 - (ii) in a currently regulated environment.
- (2) The minister may also consider the following criteria:
- (a) the extent to which the health profession has demonstrated that there is a public interest in ensuring the availability of regulated services provided by the health profession;
 - (b) the extent to which the services of the health profession provide a recognized and demonstrated benefit to the health, safety or well-being of the public;
 - (c) the extent to which there exists a body of knowledge that forms the basis of the standards of practice of the health profession;
 - (d) whether practitioners of the health profession are awarded a certificate or degree from a recognized post-secondary educational institution;
 - (e) whether it is important that continuing competence of a practitioner of the health profession be monitored;
 - (f) the extent to which there exists within the health profession recognized leadership which has expressed a commitment to regulating the profession in the public interest;
 - (g) the likelihood that a college established under the Act would be capable of carrying out the duties imposed by the Act, having regard to factors that may affect the viable operation of the college;
 - (h) whether designation of the health profession is likely to limit availability of services contrary to the public interest.

PART 4 – COLLEGE AMALGAMATIONS

Amalgamation of nursing colleges

- 7 (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia;
 - (b) the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia;
 - (c) the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia.
- (2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is September 4, 2018.
[en. B.C. Reg. 69/2018, s. 2.]

Amalgamation of colleges of physicians and surgeons and podiatric surgeons

- 8 (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia;
 - (b) the College of Podiatric Surgeons of British Columbia.
- (2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is August 31, 2020.
[en. B.C. Reg. 128/2020.]

Amalgamation of midwife and nursing colleges

- 9 (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Midwives of British Columbia;
 - (b) the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals.
- (2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is September 1, 2020.
[en. B.C. Reg. 127/2020.]

Amalgamation of oral health colleges

- 10 (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia;
 - (b) the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia;
 - (c) the College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia;
 - (d) the College of Denturists of British Columbia.
- (2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is September 1, 2022.
[en. B.C. Reg. 164/2022.]

Amalgamation of colleges of health and care professionals

- 11 (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Dietitians of British Columbia;
 - (b) the College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia;
 - (c) the College of Opticians of British Columbia;

- (d) the College of Optometrists of British Columbia;
- (e) the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia;
- (f) the College of Psychologists of British Columbia;
- (g) the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia.

(2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is June 28, 2024.
[en. B.C. Reg. 171/2023.]

Amalgamation of colleges of complementary health professionals

- 12** (1) The following colleges are amalgamated into one college:
- (a) the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia;
 - (b) the College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia;
 - (c) the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia;
 - (d) the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia.
- (2) The amalgamation date for the purpose of subsection (1) is June 28, 2024.
[en. B.C. Reg. 172/2023.]