

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M 249

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that effective October 17, 2008, the attached Psychologists Regulation is made.

October 10, 2008
Date

George Abbott
Minister of Health Services

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 12 (2)

Other (specify):- _____

PSYCHOLOGISTS REGULATION

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Definitions

- 1** In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“**practice of psychology**” includes, for a fee or reward, monetary or otherwise,

- (a) the provision, to individuals, groups, organizations or the public, of any service involving the application of principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and influencing behaviour, including the principles of learning, perception, motivation, thinking, emotion and interpersonal relationships,
- (b) the application of methods and procedures of interviewing, counselling, psychotherapy, behaviour therapy, behaviour modification, hypnosis or research, or
- (c) the construction, administration and interpretation of tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, opinions, attitudes, emotions, personality characteristics, motivations and psychophysiological characteristics, and the assessment or diagnosis of behavioural, emotional and mental disorder.

College name

- 2** The name “College of Psychologists of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for psychology.

Reserved titles

- 3** (1) The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:
- (a) registered psychological associate;
 - (b) psychological associate;
 - (c) registered psychologist;
 - (d) psychologist.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a person who is not a registrant may use the title “psychologist”, and a society whose members are not registrants may incorporate the words “psychology”, “psychological” or “psychologist” in their title or designation, if that person is, or the members of that society are,
- (a) practising the profession in the course of the person’s employment with a board or council under the *Health Authorities Act* or with a community health services society, designated by the minister for the purposes of this paragraph, incorporated under the *Society Act*,

- (b) teaching, lecturing or engaging in research as a psychologist if those activities are carried out by reason of, and in the course of, duties under an academic appointment or program in a university as defined by the *University Act*, or
- (c) acting in the course of employment by
 - (i) a provincial, federal or municipal government or government agency,
 - (ii) an authority as defined in the *Independent School Act*,
 - (iii) a francophone education authority as defined in the *School Act*, or
 - (iv) a board of school trustees constituted under the *School Act*,if qualifications in psychology are a condition of such employment.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practise psychology.

Patient relations program

- 5 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.