

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

*Health Professions Act*

Ministerial Order No. M 243

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that effective October 17, 2008, the attached Nurses (Licensed Practical) Regulation is made.

October 10, 2008  
Date

George Abbott  
Minister of Health Services

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*(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):- \_\_\_\_\_

# NURSES (LICENSED PRACTICAL) REGULATION

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### **Definitions**

- 1 In this regulation:
  - “**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;
  - “**registered nurse**” means a person authorized under the Act to practise nursing.

### **College name**

- 2 The name “College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for practical nursing.

### **Reserved titles**

- 3 (1) The title “licensed practical nurse” is reserved for exclusive use by registrants.  
(2) This section does not prevent a person from using the title “nurse” in a manner authorized by another regulation under section 12 of the Act.

### **Scope of practice**

- 4 A registrant may provide such nursing services related to the care of patients as are consistent with his or her training and ability.

### **Limits or conditions on services**

- 5 (1) Except in an emergency, all nursing services provided by a registrant must be carried out under the direction of a medical practitioner who is attending the patient or under the supervision of a registered nurse who is providing services to the patient.  
(2) Subject to section 4, a registrant may provide a nursing service for a patient in a private home provided that the attending medical practitioner gives directions.  
(3) A registrant may not provide nursing services to patients except in accordance with this section and section 4.

### **Patient relations program**

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