

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M 240

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that effective October 17, 2008, the attached
Massage Therapists 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):- _____

MASSAGE THERAPISTS REGULATION

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Definitions

- 1 In this regulation:

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

“**massage therapy**” means the kneading, rubbing or massaging of the human body, whether with or without steam baths, vapour baths, fume baths, electric light baths or other appliances, and hydrotherapy or any similar method taught in schools of massage approved under the *Physiotherapists Act*, but does not include any form of medical electricity.

College name

- 2 The name “College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for massage therapy.

Reserved titles

- 3 The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:
 - (a) massage therapist;
 - (b) registered massage therapist;
 - (c) massage practitioner;
 - (d) registered massage practitioner.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practise massage therapy.

Restricted activities

- 5 (1) No person other than a registrant may practise massage therapy.
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person
 - (a) employed by and on the premises of a hospital which has been designated by the minister, and
 - (b) who is acting under the direction of a medical practitioner.

Limit or condition on services

- 6 No registrant may prescribe or administer drugs or anaesthetics, or treat a recent fracture of a bone.

Patient relations program

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

Health profession corporations

8 Part 4 of the Act applies to massage therapy.