

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M 235

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

HEALTH PROFESSIONS GENERAL REGULATION

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Definition

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

Notice to be given

- 2 For the purposes of section 12 (3), 19 (6.2) and (7), 50 (3), 50.3 (4) and 55 (3) of the Act, notice must be given to each of the following:
 - (a) British Columbia College of Chiropractors;
 - (b) College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia;
 - (c) Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board;
 - (d) Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Consultants;
 - (e) Board of Examiners in Optometry;
 - (f) College of Pharmacists of British Columbia;
 - (g) College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia;
 - (h) British Columbia Association of Podiatrists;
 - (i) each college established under the Act.

Date bylaws take effect

- 3 For the purposes of section 19 (3.1) of the Act, the prescribed number of days is 60 days.

Oath of office

- 4 The oath of office set out in Schedule 1 is prescribed for the purpose of section 17.11 of the Act.

Prescribed trade agreements

- 5 The agreements set out in Schedule 2 are prescribed for the purpose of section 20.4 (2) (a) (iii) of the Act.

Duty to report respecting hospitalized registrant

- 6 Each college established under the Act is prescribed for the purposes of section 32.3 of the Act.

Prescribed periods – disposition of complaints and investigations

- 7 (1) For the purposes of section 50.55 (2) of the Act, the prescribed period for the disposition of a complaint made under section 32 (1) of the Act or an investigation by the inquiry committee under section 33 (4) of the Act is 120 days from the date the registrar receives the complaint in writing or the inquiry committee begins the investigation, as applicable.
- (2) For the purposes of section 50.55 (3) of the Act, the prescribed period is 60 days from the date written notice is delivered in accordance with section 50.55 (2) of the Act.

SCHEDULE 1
OATH OF OFFICE

I do swear or solemnly affirm that:

- I will abide by the *Health Professions Act* and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position, according to the best of my ability;
- I will act in accordance with the law and the public trust placed in me;
- I will act in the interests of the College as a whole;
- I will uphold the objects of the College and ensure that I am guided by the public interest in the performance of my duties;
- I have a duty to act honestly;
- I will declare any private interests relating to my public duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest;
- I will ensure that other memberships, directorships, voluntary or paid positions or affiliations remain distinct from work undertaken in the course of performing my duty as a board member;

So help me God. *[omit this phrase in an affirmation]*

Witness

Signature of Board Member

Date

SCHEDULE 2
PRESCRIBED TRADE AGREEMENTS

| Item | Agreement |
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| 1 | Agreement on Internal Trade |
| 2 | British Columbia - Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement |