


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 372

, Approved and Ordered July 16, 2025



Lieutenant Governor


Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective April 1, 2026,

- (a) the Health Professions and Occupations Transitional Regulation, B.C. Reg. 222/2023, is repealed, and
- (b) the attached Health Professions and Occupations Transitional Regulation (No. 2) is made.



Minister of Health



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(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 and Occupations Act, S.B.C. 2022, c. 43, s. 545*

Other: *OIC 580/2023*

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (No. 2)

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Definition

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

Licensing of dental assistants

- 2** (1) In this section:
- “**BCCOHP**” means the British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals;
- “**bylaw**” means a bylaw set out in Part 9 of the bylaws of the BCCOHP, as amended under section 539 of the Act;
- “**certified non-registrant**” means a certified non-registrant within the meaning of section 539 (1) of the Act who is certified under a bylaw.
- (2) The BCCOHP may do the following:
- (a) establish a licence class of “dental assistant”;
 - (b) issue licences to applicants for a licence in the dental assistant class;
 - (c) provide that one or more of the bylaws apply to persons holding or applying for a licence in the dental assistant class as if those persons were certified non-registrants or applicants to become certified non-registrants;
 - (d) amend a bylaw for the purposes of this section.
- (3) Section 539 (2) to (5) of the Act applies to licensees holding a licence in the dental assistant class as if those licensees were certified non-registrants.

Licensing of physician assistants

- 3** (1) In this section:
- “**bylaw**” means a bylaw set out in section C of Part 2 of the bylaws of the CPSBC, as amended under section 539 of the Act;
- “**certified non-registrant**” means a certified non-registrant within the meaning of section 539 (1) of the Act who is certified under a bylaw;
- “**CPSBC**” means the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.
- (2) The CPSBC may do the following:
- (a) establish a licence class of “physician assistant”;
 - (b) issue licences to applicants for a licence in the physician assistant class;

- (c) provide that one or more of the bylaws apply to persons holding or applying for a licence in the physician assistant class as if those persons were certified non-registrants or applicants to become certified non-registrants;
 - (d) amend a bylaw for the purposes of this section.
- (3) Section 539 (2) to (5) of the Act applies to licensees holding a licence in the physician assistant class as if those licensees were certified non-registrants.

Application of section 539 of the Act

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- (1) Section 539 (3) of the Act applies to a bylaw made or amended for the purposes of section 2 or 3 of this regulation.
 - (2) For the purposes of section 539 (4) (c) of the Act and sections 2 (3) and 3 (3) of this regulation, the authority of certified non-registrants and licensees in the dental assistant or physician assistant class to provide health services ends on April 1, 2029.
 - (3) If the minister makes a designation regulation referred to in section 539 (5) of the Act, that regulation prevails in the event of any conflict or inconsistency with this regulation.
 - (4) For certainty, a person whose application to be a certified non-registrant is deemed under section 539 (6) of the Act to have been withdrawn must make a new application in accordance with the Act for a licence described in section 2 or 3 of this regulation.

Health profession corporation permits

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- (1) This section applies to a corporation that, under a designation regulation made with respect to a designated health profession, is prohibited from carrying on the business of providing health services to the public by licensees who practise the designated health profession unless the corporation holds a health profession corporation permit.
 - (2) Despite a designation regulation referred to in subsection (1), a corporation described in that subsection is not required to hold a health profession corporation permit if both of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) the corporation is, on April 1, 2026, carrying on the business of providing health services to the public by licensees who practise the designated health profession;
 - (b) the corporation meets the requirements set out in section 58 (a) and (f) of the Act.
 - (3) This section ceases to have effect on April 1, 2029.