

Health Professions Act
PSYCHOLOGISTS REGULATION

PROPOSED

**TO REPLACE
B.C. REG. 289/2008**

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Definitions

1 In this regulation:

"Act" means the *Health Professions Act*;

"psychology" means the health profession in which a person provides the following services:

- (a) the prevention and treatment of mental conditions and disorders;
- (b) the assessment, management and enhancement of an individual's developmental, behavioural, cognitive, emotional, intellectual and interpersonal functioning, primarily by using psychological assessment and intervention strategies such as psychometric testing and psychotherapy.

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"registrant" means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws to practise psychology.

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.~~

2 The name of the college responsible for carrying out the objects of the Act in respect of psychology is "College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia".

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.