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### **Definitions**

- 1** In this regulation:

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

“**massage therapy**” means the health profession in which a person provides, for the purposes of developing, maintaining, rehabilitating or augmenting physical function, or relieving pain or promoting health, the services of

- (a) assessment of soft tissue and joints of the body, and
- (b) treatment and prevention of physical dysfunction, injury, pain and disorders of soft tissue and joints of the body by manipulation, mobilization and other manual methods;

“**registrant**” means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws to practise massage therapy.

[am. B.C. Regs. 58/2015, s. 1; 31/2024, Sch. 2, s. 1.]

### **College name**

- 2** The name of the college responsible for carrying out the objects of the Act in respect of massage therapy is “College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia”.

[en. B.C. Reg. 31/2024, Sch. 2, s. 2.]

### **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 and provisional registrant classes**

- 4.1** The college is authorized to establish, under section 19 (1) (i) of the Act, a class of
- (a) restricted registrants for the purposes of section 20 (4.2) of the Act, and
  - (b) provisional registrants for the purposes of section 20 (4.3) of the Act.
- [en. B.C. Reg. 31/2024, Sch. 2, s. 3.]

- 5** Repealed. [B.C. Reg. 58/2015, s. 2.]

**Limits or conditions on services**

- 6** No registrant may
- (a) prescribe or administer drugs or anaesthetics,
  - (b) treat a recent fracture of a bone,
  - (c) apply any form of medical electricity, or
  - (d) move a joint of the spine beyond the limits the body can voluntarily achieve using a high velocity, low amplitude thrust.
- [en. B.C. Reg. 58/2015, s. 3.]

**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.