

Health Professions Act

Dentists Regulation

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Definitions

1 In this regulation:

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

“**college**” means the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia continued under section 15.1 of the Act;

“**compound**” means to mix with one or more other ingredients;

“**dental appliance**” means

- (a) an appliance, or
- (b) a device,

designed or offered for a dental condition or another condition of the orofacial complex, excluding a ready-to-use or self-adapted mouthguard designed or offered for temporary protection against injury during sporting activities;

“**dentistry**” means the health profession in which a person provides or performs the services of assessment, management, treatment and prevention of diseases, disorders and conditions of the orofacial complex and associated structures;

“**dispense**” means

(a) in the definition of “fit”, in paragraph (b) of the definition of “prescribe”, and in Column 2 of the table in section 9, opposite the reference to section 2 (w) of the Reserved Actions Regulation, to fabricate or alter, and

(b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the same as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, excluding “sale” as defined in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*;

“**fit**” means to perform any intra-oral procedure, including the making of impressions, related to dispensing;

“**prescribe**” means

(a) in Column 2 of the table in section 9, opposite the reference to section 2 (l) of the Reserved Actions Regulation, to issue a “prescription” as defined in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, and

- (b) in Column 2 of the table in section 9, opposite the reference to section 2 (v) of the Reserved Actions Regulation, to issue an authorization to dispense, for use by a named individual;

“**substance**” includes air and water and excludes a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.

Designation

- 2 Dentistry is designated for the purposes of the Act.

Reserved titles

- 3 (1) No person other than a registrant may use the title “dentist”.
- (2) No person other than a registrant may use the title “doctor” or “surgeon” in conjunction with “dentist”, “dental”, “dentistry” or “dental surgery”.
- (3) A registrant must not use the title “doctor” or “surgeon” except in conjunction with “dentist”, “dental”, “dentistry” or “dental surgery”.
- (4) This section does not prohibit a person from using
 - (a) the title “doctor” or “surgeon” in a manner authorized by another regulation under section 12 of the Act, or
 - (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practice dentistry.

Limits or conditions on services

- 5 It is a limit or condition on the provision or performance of a service by a registrant that the registrant must provide or perform the service in accordance with
 - (a) all standards, limits and conditions for the practice of dentistry in relation to that service, and
 - (b) all standards of professional ethics for registrants, including standards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest,established by the board of the college.

Services that may be performed only by registrants

- 6 Only a registrant may perform or provide a service of dentistry as set out in this regulation if, on the day before the date this section comes into force, the performance or provision of the same service under the *Dentists Act* was prohibited by anyone other than a person authorized under that Act.

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 dentistry.

Exemptions from reserved actions

- 9 A registrant practicing dentistry is exempted from the prohibition against performing the reserved action in the section of the Reserved Actions Regulation listed in Column

1 if performing the exempted activity shown opposite in Column 2 but only to the extent set out in Column 2:

Item	Column 1 Reserved Action (sections refer to the Reserved Actions Regulation)	Column 2 Exempted activity
1	section 2 (a) (i)	To make a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of signs or symptoms of an individual, a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures.
2	section 2 (b) (i)	To perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis of the orofacial complex and associated structures.
3	section 2 (b) (i)	To perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of removing tissue for use in reconstructive or other surgery on the orofacial complex and associated structures.
4	section 2 (b) (ii)	To perform a procedure on tissue of the orofacial complex and associated structures below the surface of a mucous membrane.
5	section 2 (b) (iv)	To perform a procedure in or below the surfaces of the teeth, including the scaling of teeth.
6	section 2 (c)	To set a fracture of a bone of the orofacial complex.
7	section 2 (d)	To reduce a dislocation of a joint of the orofacial complex.
8	section 2 (f) (i)	To administer a substance by injection.
9	section 2 (f) (ii)	To administer a substance by inhalation.
10	section 2 (f) (iii)	To administer a substance by mechanical ventilation.
11	section 2 (f) (iv)	To administer a substance by irrigation.
12	section 2 (f) (v)	To administer a substance by enteral or parenteral instillation.

13	section 2 (g) (i)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum.
14	section 2 (g) (ii)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
15	section 2 (g) (iii)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger beyond the pharynx.
16	section 2 (g) (iv)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger beyond the opening of the urethra for the purposes of catheterization.
17	section 2 (g) (vi)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger beyond the anal verge for the purposes of monitoring temperature.
18	section 2 (g) (vii)	To put an instrument or a device, hand or finger into an artificial opening into the body.
19	section 2 (h) (i)	To put into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, a substance that is under pressure.
20	section 2 (j) (i) (A)	To apply, ultrasound for diagnostic or imaging purposes, excluding any application of ultrasound to a fetus.
21	section 2 (j) (i) (B)	To apply lithotripsy for the purpose of treating a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures.
22	section 2 (j) (ii)	To apply electricity for the purposes of destroying tissue or affecting activity of the heart or nervous system.
23	section 2 (j) (iii)	To apply electromagnetism for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging.
24	section 2 (j) (iv)	To apply laser for the purpose of cutting or destroying tissue.
25	section 2 (j) (v)	To apply X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including X-rays for the purpose of

		computerized axial tomography.
26	section 2 (k) (i) (A)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, ultrasound for diagnostic or imaging purposes, excluding any application of ultrasound to a fetus.
27	section 2 (k) (i) (B)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, lithotripsy for the purpose of treating a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures.
28	section 2 (k) (ii)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, electricity for the purposes of destroying tissue or affecting activity of the heart or nervous system.
29	section 2 (k) (iii)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, electromagnetism for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging.
30	section 2 (k) (iv)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, laser for the purpose of cutting or destroying tissue.
31	section 2 (k) (v)	To issue an instruction or authorization for another person to apply, to a named individual, X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography.
32	section 2 (l)	To prescribe a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.
33	section 2 (m)	To compound a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg.

		9/98.
34	section 2 (n)	To dispense a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.
35	section 2 (o)	To administer, by any method, a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.
36	section 2 (p) (i)	If nutrition is administered enterally or parenterally, to select appropriate ingredients for a therapeutic diet.
37	section 2 (p) (iii)	If nutrition is administered enterally or parenterally, to dispense a therapeutic diet.
38	section 2 (v)	To prescribe a dental appliance.
39	section 2 (w)	To dispense or fit a dental appliance.
40	section 2 (x) (i)	To conduct challenge testing for allergies that involves injection, scratch tests or inhalation, if the individual being tested has not had a previous anaphylactic reaction.
41	section 2 (x) (ii)	To conduct challenge testing for allergies by any method, if the individual being tested has had a previous anaphylactic reaction.