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ACUPUNCTURIST REGULATIONS

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REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

CHAPTER R-10.1

ACUPUNCTURIST REGULATIONS

Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

Interpretation and Administration

1. Definitions

In these regulations

- (a) “**acupuncture**” means, depending on the context,
 - (i) the health profession in which a person uses traditional Chinese medicine theory, treatment principles and modalities, including the practice described in subclause (ii), to promote, maintain, restore or improve health, to prevent disorder, imbalance or disease, or to alleviate pain, or
 - (ii) the practice of using needles to stimulate specific sites on the skin, mucous membranes or subcutaneous tissues of the human body for the purposes described in subclause (i), in accordance with traditional Chinese medicine theory and treatment principles;
- (b) “**acupuncturist**” means a person who is registered in the register for acupuncture;
- (c) “**College**” means the College of Acupuncture of Prince Edward Island established under section 3;
- (d) “**Council**” means the Council of the College;
- (e) “**refresher program**” means a refresher program in a regulated health profession consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individualized assignments of studies and experiences, a set of continuing education credits, a practicum or a combination of these elements. (EC632/25)

2. Acupuncture designation

Acupuncture is designated as a regulated health profession. (EC632/25)

3. College established

The College of Acupuncture of Prince Edward Island is hereby established as the college for acupuncture. (EC632/25)

Registration

4. Parts of register

The register for acupuncture is divided into the following parts:

- (a) general registration;
- (b) special registration. (*EC632/25*)

5. General registration

- (1) The registrar shall register an applicant in the general registration part where
 - (a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or
 - (b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant in the general registration part pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act.

Reinstatement period

- (2) For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, a former member may apply for reinstatement of registration in the general registration part within three years after a lapse in the registration. (*EC632/25*)

6. Education

- (1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, an applicant shall have successfully completed a post-secondary program in acupuncture, approved by the Council.

Examinations

- (2) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, an applicant shall have successfully completed
 - (a) the Pan-Canadian Entry-level Examinations for Acupuncturists administered by the Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists;
 - (b) the entry-level examinations administered by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine for national board certification in acupuncture; or
 - (c) other competency examinations approved by the Council.

Currency requirements

- (3) For the purposes of clause 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant shall have done one of the following within the four years immediately preceding the date of the application to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:
 - (a) successfully completed the educational requirement set out in subsection (1);
 - (b) actively practised acupuncture without any restrictions for at least 750 hours;
 - (c) successfully completed a refresher program in acupuncture satisfactory to the registrar.

Insurance requirements

- (4) For the purposes of clause 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, an applicant or a member, as the case may be, is required to hold or be covered by professional liability insurance under a policy that provides coverage of not less than

\$2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than \$2,000,000 excluding legal or court costs.

Other Requirements

- (5) For the purposes of clause 12(2)(k), subclause 22(2)(a)(v.1) and clause 24(4)(g) of the Act, an applicant shall hold current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, level C (CPR-C). *(EC632/25)*

7. Special registration

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special registration part.

No renewal or reinstatement

- (2) Registration in the special registration part may not be renewed or reinstated. *(EC632/25)*

Designations and Reserved Activities**8. Designation of members**

For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a member of the regulated health profession of acupuncture include

- (a) acupuncturist; and
- (b) registered acupuncturist or R.Ac. *(EC632/25)*

9. Reserved activities

Subject to any terms or conditions imposed on the acupuncturist's registration, an acupuncturist is authorized to perform the following reserved activities:

- (a) diagnosing a disease, disorder or condition using traditional Chinese medicine theory, treatment principles and methodology, and communicating the diagnosis in circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be relied on in decisions respecting acupuncture treatment;
- (b) performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis or the surface of a mucous membrane while performing acupuncture. *(EC632/25)*

General**10. Name of corporation**

- (1) For the purpose of clause 15(2)(d) of the Act, the name of a corporation applying for a permit to carry on the business of providing the professional services of an acupuncturist shall be, in the opinion of the registrar, in good taste, dignified and professional.

Change of name

- (2) Before changing its name, a health profession corporation shall obtain written confirmation from the registrar that the proposed name meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC632/25)*

11. Exception, corporation other than a health profession corporation

The prohibition in subsection 90(1) of the Act does not apply in respect of a corporation other than a health profession corporation carrying on the business of providing the professional services of an acupuncturist. (EC632/25)

12. Transitional

- (1) A person who,
- (a) during the year preceding the date this section comes into force, practises acupuncture for at least five hours in the province; and
 - (b) immediately before this section comes into force, is a member of one of the following organizations:
 - (i) Association of Registered Acupuncturists of Prince Edward Island,
 - (ii) Maritime Association of Registered Acupuncturists,
 - (iii) The Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada,

is deemed, on and after the date this section comes into force, to be registered in the general registration part of the register for acupuncture.

Expiry of registration

- (2) The registration of a person referred to in subsection (1) expires 90 days after the date this section comes into force, unless it is sooner revoked, and may be renewed in accordance with section 22 of the Act.

Exception on renewal

- (3) Subclauses 22(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act do not apply to a person referred to in subsection (1) the first time the person applies to renew the person's registration. (EC632/25)