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Chiropractic Act, 1991

S.O. 1991, CHAPTER 21

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Definitions

**1** In this Act,

“College” means the College of Chiropractors of Ontario; (“Ordre”)

“Health Professions Procedural Code” means the Health Professions Procedural Code set out in Schedule 2 to the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991; (“Code des professions de la santé”)

“member” means a member of the College; (“membre”)

“profession” means the profession of chiropractic; (“profession”)

“this Act” includes the Health Professions Procedural Code. (“la présente loi”) 1991, c. 21, s. 1.

Health Professions Procedural Code

**2** (1)  The Health Professions Procedural Code shall be deemed to be part of this Act. 1991, c. 21, s. 2 (1).

Terms in Code

(2)  In the Health Professions Procedural Code as it applies in respect of this Act,

“College” means the College of Chiropractors of Ontario; (“ordre”)

“health profession Act” means this Act; (“loi sur une profession de la santé”)

“profession” means the profession of chiropractic; (“profession”)

“regulations” means the regulations under this Act. (“règlements”) 1991, c. 21, s. 2 (2).

Definitions in Code

(3)  Definitions in the Health Professions Procedural Code apply with necessary modifications to terms in this Act. 1991, c. 21, s. 2 (3).

Scope of practice

**3** The practice of chiropractic is the assessment of conditions related to the spine, nervous system and joints and the diagnosis, prevention and treatment, primarily by adjustment, of,

(a) dysfunctions or disorders arising from the structures or functions of the spine and the effects of those dysfunctions or disorders on the nervous system; and

(b) dysfunctions or disorders arising from the structures or functions of the joints. 1991, c. 21, s. 3.

Authorized acts

**4** In the course of engaging in the practice of chiropractic, a member is authorized, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed on his or her certificate of registration, to perform the following:

1. Communicating a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of a person’s symptoms,

i. a disorder arising from the structures or functions of the spine and their effects on the nervous system, or

ii. a disorder arising from the structures or functions of the joints of the extremities.

2. Moving the joints of the spine beyond a person’s usual physiological range of motion using a fast, low amplitude thrust.

3. Putting a finger beyond the anal verge for the purpose of manipulating the tailbone. 1991, c. 21, s. 4.

Board continued as College

**5** The Board of Directors of Chiropractic is continued under the name College of Chiropractors of Ontario in English and Ordre des chiropraticiens de l’Ontario in French. 1991, c. 21, s. 5.

Council

**6** (1)  The Council shall be composed of,

(a) nine persons who are members elected in accordance with the by-laws;

(b) at least six and no more than seven persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council who are not,

(i) members,

(ii) members of a College as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, or

(iii) members of a Council as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. 1991, c. 21, s. 6 (1); 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 26 (1); 2009, c. 26, s. 3.

Who can vote in elections

(2)  Subject to the by-laws, every member who practises or resides in Ontario and who is not in default of payment of the annual membership fee is entitled to vote in an election of members of the Council. 1991, c. 21, s. 6 (2); 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 26 (2).

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 26 (1, 2) - 01/02/1999

[2009, c. 26, s. 3](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S09026" \l "s3) - 15/12/2009

President and Vice-President

**7** The Council shall have a President and Vice-President who shall be elected annually by the Council from among the Council’s members. 1991, c. 21, s. 7.

**8** Repealed: 2015, c. 20, Sched. 15, s. 16.

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

[2015, c. 20, Sched. 15, s. 16](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S15020" \l "sched15s16) - 29/10/2015

Restricted titles

**9** (1)  No person other than a member shall use the title “chiropractor”, a variation or abbreviation or an equivalent in another language. 1991, c. 21, s. 9 (1).

Representations of qualification, etc.

(2)  No person other than a member shall hold himself or herself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as a chiropractor or in a specialty of chiropractic. 1991, c. 21, s. 9 (2).

Definition

(3)  In this section,

“abbreviation” includes an abbreviation of a variation. 1991, c. 21, s. 9 (3).

**10** Repealed: 2021, c. 25, Sched. 25, s. 8.

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

[2021, c. 25, Sched. 25, s. 8](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S21025" \l "sched25s8) - 03/06/2021

Offence

**11** Every person who contravenes subsection 9 (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than $25,000 for a first offence and not more than $50,000 for a second or subsequent offence. 2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 3 (1).

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

[2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 3 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S07010" \l "schedbs3s1) - 04/06/2007

Transitional

**12** A person who, on the day before this Act comes into force, was registered as a chiropractor under the Drugless Practitioners Act shall be deemed to be the holder of a certificate of registration issued under this Act subject to any term, condition or limitation to which the registration was subject. 1991, c. 21, s. 12.

**13., 14** Repealed: 2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 3 (2).

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

[2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 3 (2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S07010" \l "schedbs3s2) - 04/06/2007

**15** Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act). 1991, c. 21, s. 15.

**16** Omitted (enacts short title of this Act). 1991, c. 21, s. 16.

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