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Massage Therapy Act, 1991

S.O. 1991, CHAPTER 27

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Definitions

**1** In this Act,

“College” means the College of Massage Therapists 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 massage therapy; (“profession”)

“this Act” includes the Health Professions Procedural Code. (“la présente loi”) 1991, c. 27, s. 1.

Health Professions Procedural Code

**2** (1)  The Health Professions Procedural Code shall be deemed to be part of this Act. 1991, c. 27, 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 Massage Therapists of Ontario; (“ordre”)

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

“profession” means the profession of massage therapy; (“profession”)

“regulations” means the regulations under this Act. (“règlements”) 1991, c. 27, 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. 27, s. 2 (3).

Scope of practice

**3** The practice of massage therapy is the assessment of the soft tissue and joints of the body and the treatment and prevention of physical dysfunction and pain of the soft tissues and joints by manipulation to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment physical function, or relieve pain. 1991, c. 27, s. 3.

Board continued as College

**4** The Board of Directors of Masseurs is continued under the name College of Massage Therapists of Ontario in English and Ordre des massothérapeutes de l’Ontario in French. 1991, c. 27, s. 4.

Council

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

(a) at least six and no more than nine persons who are members elected in accordance with the by-laws;

(b) at least five and no more than eight 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. 27, s. 5 (1); 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 32 (1); 2009, c. 26, s. 13 (1).

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. 27, s. 5 (2); 1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 32 (2).

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

1998, c. 18, Sched. G, s. 32 (1, 2) - 1/02/1999

[2009, c. 26, s. 13 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S09026" \l "s13s1) - 15/12/2009

President and Vice-President

**6** 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. 27, s. 6.

Restricted titles

**7** (1)  No person other than a member shall use the title “massage therapist” or “registered massage therapist”, a variation or abbreviation or an equivalent in another language. 2009, c. 26, s. 13 (2).

Representations of qualifications, 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 massage therapist or registered massage therapist or in a specialty of massage therapy. 2009, c. 26, s. 13 (2).

Definition

(3)  In this section,

“abbreviation” includes an abbreviation of a variation. 1991, c. 27, s. 7 (3).

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

[2009, c. 26, s. 13 (2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S09026" \l "s13s2) - 15/12/2009

**8** Repealed: 2021, c. 25, Sched. 25, s. 16.

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

[2021, c. 25, Sched. 25, s. 16](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S21025" \l "sched25s16) - 03/06/2021

Offence

**9** Every person who contravenes subsection 7 (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. 9 (1).

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

[2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 9 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S07010" \l "schedbs9s1) - 4/06/2007

Transitional

**10** A person who, on the day before this Act comes into force, was registered as a masseur 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. 27, s. 10.

**11, 12** Repealed: 2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 9 (2).

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

[2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 9 (2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S07010" \l "schedbs9s2) - 4/06/2007

**13** Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act). 1991, c. 27, s. 13.

**14** Omitted (enacts short title of this Act). 1991, c. 27, s. 14.

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