

New Mandatory Reporting Obligations

All regulated health professionals in Ontario, including chiropractors and podiatrists, are now required to report additional information to their regulatory colleges. The Government of Ontario established new mandatory reporting requirements which came into effect on May 1, 2018.

What do I need to report?

Effective immediately, you must report to the College, in writing, any of the following circumstances if they occurred during the time you have been a member of the College of Chiropractors:

1. A charge relating to any offence
2. A finding of guilt relating to any offence;
3. Conditions of release (bail conditions or restrictions) following a charge for any offence or subsequent to a finding of guilt and pending appeal;
4. If you have been the subject of a disciplinary finding or finding of professional misconduct or incompetence by another regulatory or licensing authority in any jurisdiction

What must I report?

1. The nature of and description of the charge;
2. The date the charge was laid;
3. The name and location of the court in which the charge was laid or which the bail condition or restriction was imposed;
4. Every condition imposed as a result of the charge;
5. Any other restriction imposed on or agreed to by the members relating to the charge;
6. The status of any proceedings with respect to the charge.

The report shall not contain any information that violates a publication ban.

What information is made public?

The College is required to make the following information available on the public register:

- Findings of guilt under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada)
- Any charges under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada)
- Currently existing conditions of release following a charge for an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) and conditions of release subsequent to a finding of guilt or pending appeal. The College must post any variations to those conditions as well
- A license or registration to practice another profession in Ontario
- A license or registration to practice another profession in another jurisdiction
- Discipline finding or a finding of professional misconduct or incompetency by another regulatory or licensing authority in any jurisdiction.

The required information will be posted on the College's register. The government has made exceptions when the Parole Board of Canada has ordered a record suspension in respect of a conviction, a pardon in respect of the conviction has been obtained or the conviction has been overturned on appeal.

Where do you report this information?

If any of the above does not apply to you, no response is currently required. If any of the above circumstances arise in the future, you are legally obligated to report this information to the college in writing as soon as is reasonably possible. Please report by sending an e-mail to fsmith@cocoo.on.ca.

What happens if you do not report?

Failure to report this information in a timely manner may result in regulatory consequences including a referral of allegations of professional misconduct to the College's Discipline Committee.

In order to read:

1. The relevant sections of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (sections 85.6.1 through 85.6.4) go to <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91r18#BK197>
2. The new Regulation that sets out additional information that must be posted on the College's Register go to <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/180261>