

## Understanding the College's Public Register

### What is the Public Register?

The public register contains information that is collected and maintained about all chiropractors and podiatrists. The *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* and the College by-laws determine what information is included.

The College of Chiropractors by-laws contain information related to the register such as:

- Each member's name, business address and business telephone number, and, if applicable, the name of every health profession corporation of which the member is a shareholder.
- The name, business address and business telephone number of every health profession corporation.
- The names of the shareholders of each health profession corporation who are members of the College.
- Each member's class of registration and specialist status.
- The terms, conditions and limitations that are in effect on each certificate of registration.
- A notation of every matter that has been referred by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee to the Discipline Committee under section 26 of the Code and has not been finally resolved, until the matter has been resolved.
- The result, including a synopsis of the decision, of every disciplinary and incapacity proceeding, unless a panel of the relevant committee makes no finding with regard to the proceedings.
- A notation of every finding of professional negligence or malpractice, which may or may not relate to the member's suitability to practise, made against the member, unless the finding is reversed on appeal.
- A notation where a member is not authorized to inject a substance.
- A notation where a member is not authorized to prescribe any drugs.

- A notation of every revocation or suspension of a certificate of registration.
- A notation of every revocation or suspension of a certificate of authorization.
- Information that a panel of the Registration, Discipline, or Fitness to Practise Committee specifies shall be included.
- Where findings of the Discipline Committee are appealed, a notation that they are under appeal, until the appeal is finally disposed of.
- Where, during or as a result of a proceeding under section 25 of the Code, a member has resigned and agreed never to practise again in Ontario, a notation of the resignation and agreement.

Specifically, the Public Register will indicate:

### **Name**

This section displays the chiropractor and podiatrist's name as it appears on the register. Chiropractors and podiatrists should not be practising under any name other than what is displayed on the register.

### **Registration Number**

The registration number is the number that the College issues to a chiropractor or podiatrist in order for them to demonstrate that they are registered with the College. This number does not change.

### **Registration Status**

The registration status indicates whether a chiropractor or podiatrist is currently registered with the College. If the chiropractor or podiatrist is not currently registered to practise in Ontario then the status will be one of the following: Resigned, Expired Pre-RHPA, Revoked, Suspended for Non-Payment, Suspended for Discipline, Suspended for Fitness to Practise, or Deceased.

**Resigned** is when the chiropractor or podiatrist has notified the College that they no longer wish to hold a certificate of registration with the College and practise as a chiropractor or podiatrist in Ontario.

**Revoked** is when the College determined that the registrant can no longer hold a certificate of registration and is cancelled by the College in relation to a particular member. A revocation can occur as a result of a decision at a discipline hearing, or for non-payment of fees. (See 1. Below)

1. If a member fails to pay the annual fee their registration shall be suspended. The Registrar may lift the suspension upon payment of:
  - a. the fee the member failed to pay
  - b. the annual fee payable for the year in which the member wishes to Register, and
  - c. any applicable penalties.

If the suspension remains in effect for more than two years the certificate of registration will be automatically revoked.

**Suspended for non-payment** is an administrative suspension that occurs when a chiropractor or podiatrist fails to pay their annual fee.

**Suspended for discipline** is when a certificate has been suspended as part of an order made at a discipline hearing.

**Suspended for fitness to practise** is when a certificate of registration is suspended as part of a finding the Fitness to Practice Committee related to a member's capacity to practise.

**Deceased** will be the status shown when the College has been notified that the chiropractor or podiatrist is deceased.

**Deceased Date** A deceased date will be included if the College has been notified of the specific date that a member died.

**Language Fluency** This section indicates all languages which a member is able to use when providing patient care. The member has advised the College of this fact.

**Former Names** This section indicates any previous last name in which the member was registered under.

**Educational History** This section contains the name of the educational institution and the year in which the member completed the educational program that qualified the member for registration with the College.

**Professional Corporations** Professional Corporations are a distinct type of corporation as defined in legislation. Only a chiropractor or podiatrist may own shares, be a shareholder and a director of his or her professional corporation or be a shareholder of any other health profession corporation.

The listings contain the following information about each professional corporation

- Incorporation Name
- Initial Registration
- Business Name

- Business Address
- Contact information: corporate telephone number, fax number
- A list of all of the corporation's current directors and shareholders

The entire College by-laws can be found on the College website.

A notation on a member's file indicates that he or she is **NOT** allowed to administer substances by injection or prescribe oral drugs. If a member has no notation on this page relating to either administering substances by injection or prescribing oral drugs, it means that he or she is able to do both. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the College at 416-542-1333.