

NOTICE OF MEASURE

to Achieve a Legitimate objective under Chapter 7 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

Approved by the **GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA**

Regulated Occupation Name: Dental Hygienists – Anaesthesia

Province(s)/Territory(ies) whose workers are affected:

Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories

Under which legitimate objective(s) is/are the measure(s) being filed:

Protection of human health

Rationale/Justification: Material Scope of Practice Difference

The practice of dental hygiene in Alberta includes the administration of local anaesthesia (dental freezing) by injection. The administration of local anaesthesia by injection is not in the scope of practice for dental hygienists in any other Canadian jurisdictions with the exception of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Additional Requirement(s):

Alberta will conduct an individual assessment of the competencies of an applicant from all provinces/territories except British Columbia and Saskatchewan to ascertain whether the applicant possesses the competencies required to administer local anaesthesia. If the applicant does not possess the required competencies, a condition will be placed on the applicant's practice permit. The condition will require that the individual refrain from administering local anaesthesia by injection. The condition will remain on the practice permit until such time as the individual completes a Council-approved local anaesthesia educational program and provides evidence of successful completion of the program to the Registrar. The individual may practice with a restricted practice permit indefinitely.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

At this time, most of the jurisdictions listed above are not considering adding local anaesthesia to the full scope of practice of dental hygienists or requiring their educational programs to include administration of local anaesthesia in their curriculum. Therefore, Alberta anticipates that this exception will be in place until further notice.

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Date(s) Reviewed and/or Updated

All of Alberta's Labour Mobility Exceptions are under review and will be confirmed, updated, revised, or removed.

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