

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 – Prescribing

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

British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, 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 prescribing of Schedule 1 drugs for the purpose of treating oral health conditions, providing prophylaxis and treating emergencies. Alberta is currently the only jurisdiction in Canada that includes prescribing of Schedule 1 drugs in the scope of practice for dental hygienists. Further, the education, training, experience and assessment of competencies related to prescribing is highly variable in dental hygiene programs across Canada and internationally. As a result, graduates of many dental hygiene programs who are registered/licensed to practice in other Canadian jurisdictions do not possess adequate knowledge, skills, judgment and abilities to prescribe Schedule 1 drugs as part of the full dental hygiene scope of practice in Alberta. Insufficient knowledge, skills, judgment and abilities related to prescribing poses a significant risk to public health and safety.

Additional Requirement(s):

Alberta will conduct an individual assessment of the competencies of an applicant from the provinces listed above to ascertain whether the applicant possesses the competencies required to be assigned a prescriber's identification number. If the applicant does not possess the required competencies, a prescriber's identification number will not be issued until such time as the individual successfully completes CRDHA's Pharmacy Refresher Course. Completion of this course is not mandatory and individuals may practice indefinitely.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

Indefinite

Date Approved:	<u>2017 / 07 / 01</u> YY MM DD (*originally approved under the former AIT on 09/11/30)
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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