

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: Podiatrists

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

Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the Northwest Territories

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

Protection of human health; Consumer protection

Rationale/Justification: Material Scope of Practice Difference

Podiatrists in Alberta diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests such as blood tests, culture and sensitivity of infections, diagnostic radiology (Xrays, CT and MRI scans, bone scans, ultrasound), prescribe any medications relevant to the treatment of the foot, and a full range of other treatment modalities including surgery on the foot and osseous structures. Podiatrists in Alberta are independent medical practitioners.

This scope of practice is broader than the scope of practice in many other regulated Canadian jurisdictions. The scope of practice in Alberta includes the ability to prescribe, apply anesthesia and perform surgery on the foot. In some provinces there are practitioners that do procedures on the feet such as callous & nail debridement, biomechanical treatments and non-surgical wound care. These practitioners are not considered to be podiatrists and will not be registered in Alberta.

Additional Requirement(s):

Applicants for registration originating in a province with a different scope of practice and who have not obtained the Alberta registration requirements to perform the full scope of practice in Alberta will be required to take additional training before registration.

Anticipated Duration of the additional requirement(s):

Indefinite until other jurisdictions amend their scope of practice.

Note: Manitoba is reviewing its scope of practice. Once regulations in Manitoba are approved, the scope of practice in MB will include prescribing and surgery privileges.

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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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