

## **Privacy Legislation for Private Practitioners**

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### **Background:**

One of the duties and objectives for a college legislated under the *Health Professions Act* is to inform individuals of their legal rights, including privacy legislation. The CDBC is obligated to inform registrants who have private practices of provincial privacy legislation laws.

### **Policy:**

Private practice registrants must meet privacy requirements outlined in the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA) enacted on January 1, 2004.

### **References:**

- *Personal Information Protection Act*: [www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/p/03063\\_01.htm](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/p/03063_01.htm)
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC: [www.oipcbc.org](http://www.oipcbc.org)
- Provincial government privacy legislation help line: 1 (250) 356-1851
- CDBC Interpretive Guideline – Privacy Legislation for Private Practitioners:  
[http://www.collegeofdietitiansbc.org/policies\\_guidelines.shtml](http://www.collegeofdietitiansbc.org/policies_guidelines.shtml)