

Request to Use a Protected Title in a Business Name

Background

The *Health Professions Act*, provincial regulations, BCCNM bylaws, and BCCNM standards of practice set out requirements for the use of protected titles such as “midwife,” “nurse,” “LPN,” “RN,” “RPN,” “NP,” and “RM.”

Protecting titles through regulation is one way of protecting the public. Legal restrictions assure the public that anyone using a protected title is entitled to practice in B.C. Only individuals who have met and continue to meet registration and renewal requirements may use a protected title.

If your proposed business name includes a protected title, your Results of Name Request from BC Registry Services will indicate that consent from BCCNM is required before your business name can be registered.

Instructions

Please email this completed form to titlerequests@bccnm.ca along with:

- A copy of the Results of Name Request from BC Registry Services
- Copies of any business brochures and marketing material (*optional*)

After reviewing the information provided in both forms, BCCNM will notify you and BC Registry Services whether it consents to the use of a protected title in your business name.

Applicant information

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Middle name: _____

BCCNM registration type(s) and number(s): _____

Requested business name: _____

BC Registry Services name request number: _____ Phone (*optional*): _____

Email: _____ Business website (*optional*): _____

Please provide a brief description of the planned business services (attach a separate page if you require more space):

Will this proposed business employ any staff? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the business will employ staff, list the planned staff positions and responsibilities for each position. Do not include individual names (attach a separate page if you require more space):

- ☐ I agree that the use of a reserved title will continue to be consistent with the requirements of the [Health Professions Act](#), applicable nursing and midwifery regulations,¹ [BCCNM bylaws](#), and BCCNM standards of practice, including specifically section 12.1 of the *Health Professions Act*, BCCNM bylaws Part 6, Division 2 section 166 and Division 4 sections 172-177, and BCCNM's practice standards on the use of protected titles.

Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

¹ Regulations include the [Nursing \(Licensed Practical\) Regulation](#), [Nurses \(Registered\) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation](#), [Nurse \(Registered Psychiatric\) Regulation](#), and [Midwives Regulation](#).