Scope of Practice for Registered Occupational Therapists

Area: Financial Incapability Assessment

STANDARDS, LIMITS and CONDITIONS

For occupational therapists acting as a ‘qualified health care provider’ for the purposes of the Statutory Property Guardianship Regulation and Adult Guardianship Act part 2.1

Standards
For the purposes of the Statutory Property Guardianship Regulation\(^1\) the Essential Competencies of Practice for Occupational Therapists in Canada 3\(^{rd}\) Edition apply to any occupational therapist acting as a qualified health provider for the purpose of assessing an adult for financial incapability

Limits
Only occupational therapists who have met the conditions set out in this scope of practice statement may act as qualified health care providers under Part 2.1 of the Adult Guardianship Act for the purpose of conducting the functional component of a financial incapability assessment in accordance with Part 3 of the Statutory Property Guardianship Regulation.

Conditions
Occupational therapists may only act as qualified health care providers for the purpose of conducting an assessment to determine financial incapability, if the occupational therapist:

1. (a) Successfully completes the Ministry of Health course “A Guide to the Certificate of Incapability Process of the Adult Guardianship Act”; and
(b) Successfully completes additional education\(^2\) related to clinical practice in this area; or
(c) Is otherwise designated by a regional health authority as meeting the requirements for conducting an assessment of financial incapability;

2. Maintains competence in the area of conducting the functional component of an assessment of financial incapability.

Must comply with the legal requirements for conducting assessment under the Statutory Property Guardianship Regulation and to follow the Ministry of Health and Public Guardian and Trustee’s procedural guide, “A Guide to the Certificate of Incapability Process under the Adult Guardianship Act.”

\(^1\) OIC 413, B.C., Reg. 115-2014, Statutory Property Guardianship Regulation
\(^2\) Additional education is structured education/professional development (e.g., workshop, course, program of study) that provides the competencies required to carry out a specific activity.

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