



Aspect	Regulator (e.g., CMRIPS)	Association (e.g., CAMRT, Sonography Canada)
Mandate	Acts in the best interest of the public.	Acts in the interest of the members of a profession.
Accountability	Is accountable to the public through the provincial government.	Is accountable to its members.
Activities	Sets the scope of practice, Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and entry-to-practice requirements legally defined by the The Miscellaneous Statues (Health Professions) Amendment Act, 2023 (Bill120) for the practice of a profession.	Serves and supports its members through education, advocacy, professional liability insurance and member benefits.
Registration vs. Membership	Registers members based on legislated criteria. Membership is mandatory to practice.	Accepts members based on association determined criteria.
Qualifications	Sets registration requirements (education, experience, testing to verify competence to practice).	Creates and facilitates certification examinations.
Continuing Education	Requires members to participate in legislated programs to ensure continuing competence.	Provides members with opportunities for continuing education.
Advocacy	Performs no overt advocacy work. It collaborates with government, professionals and the public to ensure safe, competent and ethical care.	Advocates for the profession in order to effect changes to service delivery, to develop specialty certificates and to increase public awareness of professional services.