

Reserved Activities in Physiotherapy

MAKING A FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF A PERSON WHERE REQUIRED UNDER AN ACT¹

When the term “functional assessment” is mentioned in a legislative text, the physiotherapist is required to issue conclusions on the physical condition of a patient based on the information gathered during the assessment.² These conclusions may or may not enable the patient to enjoy a privilege under an Act.

The expression “where required under an Act” used in the description of a reserved activity specifies the context in which it can be applied. This reserved activity refers only to laws and regulations containing a provision that uses the expression “functional assessment.”

PLEASE NOTE!

Currently in physiotherapy, this reserved activity is not applicable because no legislative text uses the expression “functional assessment.” However, this expression may be included in future laws or regulations.

AUTHORIZED MEMBERS

Physiotherapists

CERTIFICATION

No OPPQ training certificate is required to practice this reserved activity.

SHARED

This activity is not reserved exclusively to physiotherapists. It is shared among a number of healthcare professionals. For example, physicians, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and audiologists can perform this activity, subject to the aims described in their respective scopes of practice.

¹ Section 37.1, Subsection 3 b) of the *Professional Code*.

² *Cahier explicatif de la Loi modifiant le Code des professions et d'autres dispositions législatives dans le domaine de la santé* (2003), p. 11. On the OPPQ website (in French): https://www.opq.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/documents/Systeme_professionnel/08_Cahier-explicatif-PL90.pdf