



New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists

Title: Use of Protected Titles

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Rule

In New Brunswick, the use of the title “Respiratory Therapist” is only granted to members of the NBART. An Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists protects this title and states:

11 (2) “No person shall practise as a respiratory therapist or hold himself or herself out for employment as a respiratory therapist unless his or her name is entered in the register or temporary register and a person so registered may practise or hold himself or herself out as a respiratory therapist only to such extent as is authorized by this Act, the by-laws and rules.”

13 (1) “Any person whose name is inscribed in the register as an active practising member or in the temporary register is entitled to practise as a respiratory therapist in New Brunswick subject to any restrictions imposed by the by-laws or rules, and is entitled to hold himself or herself out as a respiratory therapist.”

13 (2) “Subject to subsection 30(2), a person whose name is not entered in the register or temporary register shall not practise as a respiratory therapist or hold himself or herself out as a respiratory therapist in the Province, or take or use the designation “respiratory therapist”, “registered respiratory therapist” or the initials “RRT” or “RT” or the abbreviation “Reg. R.T.”, or “Lic. R.T.” or other initials or designations, either alone or in combination with other words, letters or description, that imply he or she is entitled to practise as a respiratory therapist.”

The NBART will allow members to use designations that correspond with their category of membership as follows:

Category of Membership	Designation	Professional Title
Active Registered	RRT Reg.R.T. Lic. R.T.	Registered Respiratory Therapist Licensed Respiratory Therapist
Active with Restrictions ^{1,2}	RT RRT	Respiratory Therapist Registered Respiratory Therapist
Temporary	RRT Reg.R.T. Lic. R.T.	Registered Respiratory Therapist Licensed Respiratory Therapist
Inactive	No designation permitted	No professional title permitted
Honorary	No designation permitted	No professional title permitted
Student	RTS SRT	Respiratory Therapy Student Student Respiratory Therapist
Associate	No designation permitted	No professional title permitted

¹No member shall be granted the use of the RRT designation or Registered Respiratory Therapist professional title until successful completion of the required examinations as set out in the rules of the NBART. See Policy NBART- 006 for complete details of Active with Restrictions memberships.

²The RRT designation, at the discretion of the registrar, may be allowed for members placed on restrictions as a result of disciplinary proceedings/ judgements etc. but have completed the required examinations as set out in the rules of the NBART.

Documents or records signed by a member in a professional capacity, must include, at a minimum either his/her full professional title or professional designation.

Any person who violates any part of this rule will be deemed to have committed an offence and will be subject to penalty and discipline as outlined in Part V of the Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists.