

True or False: Debunking the Legislation

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It can be challenging to decipher legislation at times, and there are often gray areas where legislation is concerned. If you have questions about the legislation or want advice regarding your practice, please feel free to reach out to the College at info@manitobaphysio.com and we are happy to support you.

Let's look at some common issues and see if you would consider this statement to be True or False:

Testimonials are not allowed on a clinic's social media or website.

This statement is **False**. The updated Practice Direction on Advertising and Marketing no longer prohibits the use of testimonials. **However**, soliciting testimonials or web reviews is a clear breach of the Practice Direction. It is important to consider how requesting a testimonial could impact your therapeutic relationship. You may not mean any harm, but the patient could feel obliged to provide the review and be concerned that if they refuse this could affect their care.

I have heard it is just easier to stay Active when I am going on maternity leave.

This statement is **False**. As per Registration and Licensing Direction 3.18 [Change in Registration Status](#), registrants who will no longer be practicing physiotherapy for an extended time must convert their registration status to Inactive. Registrants must notify the College when they are leaving practice to change the membership database and change the register. There is no fee to change from Active to Inactive, however no refunds will be issued. If a registrant did choose to remain Active as a business owner or with the intent to practice casually, they would need to meet the requirements of this register, including participating in the Continuing Competency Program and maintaining liability insurance. By staying on the Active register, a physiotherapist is declaring they plan to continue in clinical practice and liability insurance is required for this register. A common issue that arises is when a physiotherapist does not change to the Inactive register and has a lapse in liability insurance. The physiotherapist may not intend to practice, however by not changing to the Inactive register, which is required when taking an extended leave, they are not meeting the requirements of an Active license and may be forwarded as a complaint.