

Published Order

Respondent: Lorraine Bennington, Former Licensee (Psychology)
Case ID: 2026-002
Date of Effect: July 26, 2026

Notice of Order

On July 14, 2026, the Deputy Registrar of the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (“College”) made the Disciplinary Order (“Order”) set out below relating to the Respondent.

Reasons for Order

- On December 10, 2025, a complaint (“Complaint”) was made about the Respondent.
- Following an investigation, the Deputy Registrar assessed the allegations raised in the Complaint and found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent had committed acts of misconduct.
- The Deputy Registrar found that the Respondent had used and promoted astrology as part of her practice, which is a technique that has not been subject to scientific verification, and is without proven validity and reliability. The Respondent also failed to adequately describe how she uses astrology in her sessions; ensure client understanding of same; and accurately document whether informed consent was obtained, as well as client’s refusal of the services.
- The Deputy Registrar determined that it would be appropriate to dispose of the concerns identified by making the Order set out below with the Respondent’s consent under Sections 269 and 158 of the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*.

The Order was consented to and signed by the Respondent on July 26, 2026.



Summary Disposition Order

of the Deputy Registrar of the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC
("CHCPBC")
pursuant to s. 122(3) & s. 158(2) of the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* ("HPOA")
In the matter of a regulatory complaint ("**Complaint**")
concerning Lorraine Bennington, Former Psychology Licensee ("**Respondent**")
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Order

Pursuant to the Summary Disposition Report dated July 14, 2026, the Deputy Registrar disposes of the Complaint by making the following orders with the Respondent's consent.

- A disciplinary order to accept the Respondent's undertaking not to repeat the conduct that is the subject of the Complaint as set out below (HPOA s. 269(b)).
- A disciplinary order to reprimand the Respondent as set out below (HPOA s. 269(c)).
- An order to dismiss the Complaint with the advice as set out below (HPOA s. 158(2)(a)).

Particulars

Undertaking

The Respondent undertakes not to repeat the conduct that is the subject of the Complaint. Specifically, the Respondent will not, as a core part of their practice of psychology, use or promote techniques such as astrology that have not been subject to scientific verification, and that are without proven validity and reliability. The Respondent further undertakes not to repeat the conduct of failing to ensure and document client understanding regarding the use of any such techniques that are complementary to their practice.

Reprimand

The Respondent is reprimanded for: failing to adequately describe and ensure client understanding regarding how she uses astrology in her sessions; not recognizing and acting upon the Complainant's expressed discomfort with discussing astrology in the context of their treatment and moving forward from this topic in a timely manner; not documenting the discussion about potential use of astrology in the session or the Complainant's refusal of those services; and not documenting whether informed consent for astrology services was obtained.

Advice

The Respondent is advised that, should she reinstate her license and practise psychology in the future, she must ensure she bases her practice around treatment techniques that have been subject to scientific verification with proven validity and reliability; ensure she fully explains to clients the tools and treatments that may be incorporated into her



sessions and obtain informed consent for same; and ensure she documents in the clinical records the client's acceptance or refusal to participate in any treatments offered.