



PD-4 Right to Title and Defining Medical Laboratory Technologist Practice

In accordance with the Medical Laboratory Technologists Act, subsections 3(1) and 3(2), the title **'Medical Laboratory Technologist' (MLT)**, is reserved exclusively for individuals on the Practising register. To expand on this, no person except for an MLT will represent themselves or imply that they are a Medical Laboratory Technologist or that they are entitled to practice as one. This includes any sign, display, title, or advertisement implying that the individual is an MLT or Medical Laboratory Technologist.

Further, practice of a Medical Laboratory Technologist includes the performance of laboratory investigations on the human body or on specimens collected from the human body and interpretation of quality control data to verify the accuracy and precision of the results. These laboratory results are for use by other health care practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.

The following activities are recognized by Council as **practicing as a Medical Laboratory Technologist**:

- Performing laboratory investigations on the human body or specimens collected from the human body
- Interpreting quality control data
- Verifying laboratory results or quality control results
- Receiving compensation for MLT services provided
- Holding a position with an employer, that requires the use of MLT knowledge
- Reading Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) while holding an MLT position
- Completing on-the-job training as an MLT, including observation of certified MLT work, or direct-on-site supervision of practice

The following activities are recognized by Council as **representing oneself as a Medical Laboratory Technologist**:

- Introducing yourself in person or in writing, including in online platforms as an MLT, Medical Laboratory Technologist or representations that may be interpreted as representation as an MLT
- Practicing as a Medical Laboratory Technologist

Council appreciates that working as a Medical Laboratory Technologist instills pride and recognition of history in the profession. Although **only Active Practicing members of CMLTM can use this title**, there are other descriptors that Council recommends individuals use to describe future or past designation as an MLT:

- Retired MLT
- Student MLT
- Medical Laboratory Technologist (Retired)
- Medical Laboratory Technologist (Student)

Resources:

The Medical Laboratory Technologists Act, C.C.S.M. c. M100 (accessed February 2026)

[MLT Act](#)