Often confused, on one page

Pairs that look alike and score differently: thresholds and duties, consent and information, scope and roles, and the exam's own rules.

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1 Thresholds and duties

Often confused	The difference
Suspect, or believe	A child: report on reasonable grounds to suspect (CYFSA s. 125). A colleague's sexual abuse of a patient: reasonable grounds to believe (Code s. 85.1).
Must report, or may disclose	Children, colleagues, care homes: you must. A significant risk of serious bodily harm: PHIPA s. 40 (1) permits disclosure, no statute requires it (CRPO: an imminent risk may bring a duty to warn).
Consult, or report	Consulting never replaces a duty: with grounds to suspect, you report a child yourself, immediately.
Summons, or court order	A summons or subpoena: attend with what it names, it is no authority to hand the file to a party. A court order: comply, to the extent of its terms.

2 Consent and information

Often confused	The difference
Implied, or express consent	Implied only within the circle of care, for health care, between custodians, never once withheld. Everyone else: express consent or legal authority.
Capacity, or age	No minimum age: capacity is for this decision, at this moment (HCCA s. 4). A capable child decides.
Signed, or informed	A signature does not necessarily make consent informed.
Custodian, or agent	Private practice: you are the custodian. Employed: usually the employer's agent.

3 Scope and roles

Often confused	The difference
Scope of practice, or controlled act	Scope describes what RPs do, assessment included. The controlled act is narrower: all five elements, or it is not the act.
Assess, or diagnose	RPs assess, formulate and record. Communicating a diagnosis is a controlled act RPs are not authorized for: refer.
Consult, or refer	Beyond your competence: consultation or clinical supervision first; refer if that is not enough.
Accept, or delegate	You may accept a delegation, on conditions. You refrain from delegating psychotherapy.

4 The exam's own rules

Often confused	The difference
Information Gathering, or Decision Making	Two scores, each passed separately. Gathering: always select as many. Deciding: select as many, or choose only one.
The response, or the score	CRPO does not say that what appears under an option reveals its weight: judge the option, not the reply.
Skipped, or wrong	You cannot return to a skipped section, and a click cannot be undone (CRPO's manual).
Zero, or negative	A 0 option costs no points but costs minutes; a negative costs points. Select deliberately.

When two ideas look alike, ask which word the law uses, and who must act.

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