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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 318-2005, 6 April 2005

An Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2)

Selection of foreign nationals — Amendment

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs b, b.1, f.2 and g of the first paragraph of section 3.3 of the Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2), the Government may make regulations in relation to the matters set forth therein;

WHEREAS the Government made the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-23.1, r. 2), which among other things prescribes the order of priority for the processing of applications for certificates and the duties or fees to be paid;

WHEREAS it is expedient to temporarily give priority to the processing of applications filed by foreign nationals who are victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami that occurred on 26 December 2004 and waive the processing duties or fees;

WHEREAS, under section 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft regulation may be made without having been published as provided for in section 8 of that Act, if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under sections 13 and 18 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of prior publication and such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies the absence of prior publication and such coming into force :

— the disaster caused by the tsunami that occurred in South and South-East Asia on 26 December 2004 requires that special temporary requirements be established as soon as possible to facilitate the immigration of foreign nationals from the countries affected by the catastrophe;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

ANDRÉ DICAIRE, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals^{*}

An Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2, s. 3.3, 1st par., subpars. b, b.1, f.2 and g)

1. The Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals is amended by adding the following after section 58:

"DIVISION VII

VICTIMS OF THE DECEMBER 2004 TSUNAMI

59. This Division sets out special conditions that apply to the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami that occurred on 26 December 2004.

60. This Division applies to an application filed with the Minister between 26 December 2004 and 25 December 2005 in relation to an undertaking on behalf of a foreign national who is a victim of the tsunami, an application

^{*} The Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-23.1, r.2) was last amended by the regulations filed by Orders in Council 810-2004 dated 26 August 2004 (2004, *G.O.* 2, 2587) and 25-2005 dated 26 January 2005 (2005, *G.O.* 2, 489). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2004, updated to 1 September 2004.

for a selection certificate as a worker filed by a foreign national who is a victim of the tsunami, and an application for a new certificate of acceptance to work or study filed by a foreign national already in Québec who is a victim of the tsunami.

61. A victim of the tsunami includes a foreign national seriously and personally affected by the tsunami that occurred on 26 December 2004 in the coastal areas of Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, the Maldives, the Seychelles and Somalia.

62. Despite section 22, priority is given to the processing of an application for a selection certificate filed by a foreign national who is a victim of the tsunami referred to in this Division.

63. The duties prescribed in sections 55 to 57 do not apply to an application filed by a foreign national who is a victim of the tsunami referred to in this Division.".

2. This Regulation comes into force on 13 April 2005 and ceases to apply on 1 July 2006.

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Draft Regulations

Draft Regulation

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26)

Chiropractors — Code of ethics — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Code of ethics of chiropractors, adopted by the Bureau of the Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec, may be submitted to the Government for approval, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the Regulation is to amend the Code of ethics of chiropractors in order to introduce provisions stating the terms and conditions according to which a member of the Order may communicate information that is protected by professional secrecy to prevent an act of violence.

Those provisions are required by the Act to amend various legislative provisions as regards the disclosure of confidential information to protect individuals (2001, c. 78). That Act permits the lifting of professional secrecy to prevent an act of violence, including a suicide, when the professional has grounds to believe that there is an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury to a person or an identifiable group of persons. However, the communication must be limited to such information as is necessary to achieve the purposes for which the information is communicated, and the information may only be communicated to a person exposed to the danger, to that person's representative or to the persons who can come to that person's aid.

The Order expects the proposed amendments to have no impact on businesses, including small and mediumsized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Normand Danis, chiropractor, President of the Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec, 7950, boulevard Métropolitain Est, Anjou (Québec) H1K 1A1; telephone: (514) 355-8540; fax: (514) 355-2290.

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions. They may also be forwarded to the professional order that adopted the Regulation and to interested persons, departments and bodies or agencies.

GAÉTAN LEMOYNE, Chair of the Office des professions du Québec

Regulation to amend the Code of ethics of chiropractors^{*}

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 87)

1. The Code of ethics of chiropractors is amended by inserting the following sections after section 3.06.02:

"3.06.02.01. In addition to the cases provided for in section 3.06.02, a chiropractor may communicate information that is protected by professional secrecy to prevent an act of violence, including a suicide, where the chiropractor has reasonable cause to believe that there is an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury to a person or an identifiable group of persons.

However, the chiropractor may only communicate the information to the person exposed to the danger or that person's representative, and to the persons who can come to that person's aid.

The chiropractor may only communicate such information as is necessary to achieve the purposes for which the information is communicated.

3.06.02.02. A chiropractor who communicates information pursuant to section 3.06.02.01 must do so without delay.

^{*} The Code of ethics of chiropractors (R.R.Q., 1981, c. C-16, r.2) has been amended once, by the regulation approved by Order in Council 154-85 dated 23 January 1985 (1985, *G.O.* 2, 934).

For each communication, the chiropractor must also enter the following particulars in the patient's record :

(1) the date and time of the communication;

(2) the name of the person or group of persons exposed to the danger;

(3) the name of the person to whom the communication was given, specifying, as the case may be, if it was given to the person exposed to the danger, the person's representative or the persons who can come to that person's aid;

(4) the act of violence the chiropractor intended to prevent;

(5) the danger the chiropractor identified;

(6) the imminence of the danger the chiropractor identified; and

(7) the information communicated.".

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26)

Guidance counsellors and psychoeducators — Conciliation and arbitration procedure for accounts

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the conciliation and arbitration procedure for the accounts of members of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, made by the Bureau of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, may be submitted to the Government for approval, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

In accordance with section 88 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), the draft Regulation establishes a procedure for the conciliation and arbitration of accounts, which may be used by persons availing themselves of the services of guidance counsellors and psychoeducators. A person will be able to use the procedure if an account has been paid in full or has been only partially paid. It provides for the setting up of a council of arbitration to determine the amount of any reimbursement to which a person may be entitled, and for arbitration by a council composed of one or three arbitrators depending on the amount of the dispute.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Renée Verville, Director General and Secretary of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, 1600, boulevard Henri-Bourassa Ouest, bureau 520, Montréal (Québec) H3M 3E2; telephone: (514) 737-4717 or 1 800 363-2643; fax: (514) 737-2172.

Any person having comments to make is asked to send them, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions; they may also be forwarded to the professional order that made the Regulation and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

GAÉTAN LEMOYNE, Chair of the Office des professions du Québec

Regulation respecting the conciliation and arbitration procedure for the accounts of members of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec

Professionnal Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 88)

DIVISION I CONCILIATION

1. The syndic shall send a copy of this Regulation to any person who requests it.

2. A client who has a dispute with a member of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec concerning the amount of an account for professional services must apply for conciliation by the syndic before applying for arbitration of the account.

3. A member may not institute proceedings in respect of an account before the expiry of a period of 60 days following the date of receipt of the account by the client or the date on which the client became aware that a sum had been withdrawn or withheld by the member directly from the funds the member holds or has received for or on behalf of the client.

A member may not institute proceedings in respect of an account as of the date on which the syndic received an application for conciliation in respect of an account, so long as the dispute can be settled by conciliation or arbitration.

The member may, however, request provisional measures in accordance with article 940.4 of the Code of Civil Procedure (R.S.Q., c. C-25).

4. An application for conciliation in respect of an account for professional services that has been unpaid or partially paid must be sent to the syndic within the 60-day period referred to in section 3.

An application for conciliation of an account or part of an account that has not been paid may be sent to the syndic after the expiry of the 60-day period referred to in section 3, provided that it is sent before proceedings on the account are served on the client.

5. Every application for conciliation must be formulated in writing. Upon receipt of the application, the syndic shall send a copy of this Regulation and a copy of Schedule I to the client, to be completed and returned to the syndic as additional information.

6. The syndic shall notify the member in question of the application for conciliation as soon as possible.

7. The syndic shall proceed with the conciliation in the manner he or she considers most appropriate.

8. Any agreement reached by the client and the member during conciliation must be in writing. The writing may consist of a letter from the syndic to the client and the member acknowledging the agreement.

If the syndic considers it necessary, the syndic may ask that the agreement reached by the client and the member be acknowledged in terms similar to those in Schedule II.

9. If conciliation does not lead to an agreement within 45 days of receipt of the application for conciliation, the syndic shall send a report on the dispute to the client and the member by registered or certified mail.

The report must pertain to, where applicable,

(1) the amount of the account in dispute;

(2) the amount that the client acknowledges as owing;

(3) the amount that the member acknowledges having to refund or is willing to accept in settlement of the dispute; and

(4) the amount suggested by the syndic during conciliation as payment to the member or refund to the client.

The syndic shall also send the client the form in Schedule III and indicate to the client the procedure and deadline for submitting the dispute to arbitration.

DIVISION II ARBITRATION

§1. Application for arbitration

10. If conciliation does not lead to an agreement, the client may apply for arbitration of the account within 30 days of receipt of the conciliation report from the syndic.

The application for arbitration must be in the form set out in Schedule III and sent to the secretary of the Order by registered or certified mail.

11. The secretary shall, upon receipt of an application for arbitration, notify the member concerned.

12. An application for arbitration may be withdrawn only in writing and with the consent of the member.

13. A member who acknowledges having to reimburse an amount to a client shall deposit the amount with the secretary, who shall then remit it to the client.

In such a case, the arbitration shall pertain only to the amount still in dispute.

14. Any agreement reached by the client and the member after the application for arbitration must be in writing, in terms similar to those in Schedule II, signed by the parties, and filed with the secretary.

If the agreement is reached after the council of arbitration has been formed, the agreement shall be recorded in the arbitration award and the council shall decide the expenses as provided in section 27.

§2. Council of arbitration

15. The council of arbitration shall be composed of three arbitrators where the amount in dispute is \$1,500 or more, and of a single arbitrator where the amount is less than \$1,500.

16. The administrative committee shall designate from among the members of the Order, the member or members of a council of arbitration and, if the council consists of three arbitrators, the administrative committee shall designate the chair.

The secretary shall inform the member or members of the council of arbitration and the parties in writing that a council of arbitration has been formed.

17. Before acting, the arbitrators shall take the oath in Schedule II to the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26).

18. An application for the recusation of an arbitrator may be made only on one of the grounds provided for in article 234 of the Code of Civil Procedure. It must be sent in writing to the secretary, to the council of arbitration and to the parties or their advocates within 10 days of receipt of the written notice sent pursuant to the second paragraph of section 16, or 10 days after the cause for recusation becomes known.

The administrative committee shall rule on the application and, where required, the secretary shall see to the replacement of the recused arbitrator.

19. In the event of an arbitrator's death, absence or inability to act, the remaining arbitrators shall see the matter to its completion. If that arbitrator is the chair of the council of arbitration, the secretary shall designate one of the remaining two members to act as chair.

If the council of arbitration consists of a single arbitrator, that arbitrator shall be replaced by a new arbitrator appointed by the administrative committee and the dispute shall be reheard.

§3. Hearing

20. The council of arbitration shall give the parties at least 10 days' written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing.

21. The parties are entitled to be represented or assisted by an advocate.

22. The council of arbitration may require the parties to submit to it, within a specified time, a statement of their claims together with supporting documents.

23. The council of arbitration shall, with diligence, hear the parties, receive their evidence or record their failure to appear. To that end, the council shall apply the rules of evidence of courts of civil jurisdiction, follow the procedure it considers most appropriate and decide the matter according to the rules of law.

24. Each party shall bear the expenses it incurs for the arbitration and may not recover them from the adverse party.

A party requesting that the testimony be recorded shall assume the cost of the recording.

§4. Arbitration award

25. The council of arbitration shall issue its award within 30 days after completion of the hearing.

26. The award shall be rendered by a majority of the members of the council of arbitration; failing a majority, the award shall be rendered by the chair.

The award must be reasoned and signed by the single arbitrator or the arbitrators executing it. If an arbitrator refuses or is unable to sign, the award shall indicate that fact and the award shall have the same effect as though signed by all the arbitrators. However, a dissenting member may register in the award the reasons for his or her refusal.

27. In its award, the council of arbitration may uphold or reduce the amount of the account in dispute; it may also determine, if appropriate, the reimbursement to which a party may be entitled. To that end, it may in particular take into account the quality of the services rendered.

The council of arbitration may decide the arbitration expenses, namely the expenses incurred by the Order for the arbitration. The total amount of the expenses must not, however, exceed 15% of the amount in dispute.

When the account in dispute is maintained in whole or in part or when a reimbursement is granted, the council of arbitration may also add interest and an indemnity as provided in articles 1618 and 1619 of the Civil Code, calculated from the date of the application for conciliation.

28. The arbitration award is final, binds the parties and is executory in accordance with articles 946.1 to 946.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

29. The council of arbitration shall file its award with the secretary, who shall send a copy of the award to the parties or their advocates and to the syndic.

The council of arbitration shall also send to the secretary the complete arbitration record, copies of which may be sent solely to the parties or their advocates and the syndic.

30. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the conciliation and arbitration procedure for the accounts of members of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, approved by Order in Council 47-94 dated 10 January 1994. The Regulation continues, however, to govern the conciliation and arbitration procedure for the accounts for which conciliation by the syndic or an application for arbitration was made before the date of coming into force of this Regulation.

31. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE I

(s. 5)

APPLICATION FOR CONCILIATION

I, the undersigned	, declare that :
(name and address of c	lient)
1.	is
(name and address of mem)	per)
claiming from me the sum of \$	for
professional services rendered between	
	(date)
andas evide	enced by :
(date)	
the account a copy of which is attached or	hereto
01	
the document a copy of which is attached indicating that the amount has been with or withheld.	
2. I am contesting the account for the fol	lowing reasons :

3. I acknowledge owing the sum of \$ for the professional services mentioned in the account	int.
4. (a) I have not paid the account	
or	
(b) I have paid the account in full	
or	
(c) I have paid a portion of the account, in the amount of \$	
or	
(<i>d</i>) The sum of \$has been withdrawn or withheld directly from the funds which the member holds or has received for or on my behalf.	

5. I am applying for conciliation by the syndic under the Regulation respecting the procedure for the conciliation and arbitration of accounts of members of the Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec.

And I have signed on ____

(date)

(client's signature)

SCHEDULE II

(ss. 8 and 14)

Entered into between:	
TO ARBITRATION	
OR	
AGREEMENT RESPECTING A DISPUTE SUBMITTED TO CONCILIATION	

(name and address of client)

hereinafter referred to as "the client",

and

(name and address of member)

who state and agree as follows:		SCHEDULE III (ss. 9 and 10)		
An agreement has been entered into between the client and the member concerning the dispute submitted to conciliation		APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION OF AN ACCOUNT		
or		I, the undersigned, (name and address of client)		
to arbitration		(name and address of client)		
applied for on		declare under oath that:		
(date)		1, (name and address of member)		
The agreement provides for the following terr conditions:	ms and	(name and address of member) is claiming from me (or refuses to reimburse to me) a sum of money for professional services.		
		2. I have enclosed a copy of the conciliation report.		
The client and the member request that the		3. I am applying for arbitration of the account under the Regulation respecting the conciliation and arbitration procedure for the accounts of members of the Ordre des		
conciliation		conseillers et conseillères d'orientation et des psychoédu-		
or		cateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, a copy of which I have received and have taken cognizance.		
arbitration		4. I agree to abide by the procedure provided for in the		
proceedings be stayed.		Regulation and, where required, to pay to the member concerned the amount of the arbitration award.		
		And I have signed on(date)		
(client's signature)		(date)		
Signed at(place)		(client's signature)		
(p.n.ce)				
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(member's signature)		Medical Act		
Signed at		(R.S.Q., c. M-9)		
(place)		Professional Code		
on		(R.S.Q., c. C-26)		
(date)		Physicians — Professional activities that may be performed by a respiratory therapist		
		Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Regu- lations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Bureau of the Collège des médecins du Québec, at its meeting held on		

February 18, 2005, adopted the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by

a respiratory therapist.

The Regulation has been transmitted to the Office des professions du Québec, which will examine it pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code. It will then be submitted, with the recommendation of the Office, to the Government which may, under the same section, approve it with or without amendment, after the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

According to the Collège des médecins du Québec:

1° the object of this regulation is to authorise a respiratory therapist, pursuant to an individual prescription and to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, to perform a radial arterial puncture. The respiratory therapist perform this activity in a centre operated by an institution pursuant to the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) or the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (L.R.Q., c. S-5) or within the context of home care services provided by an institution operating a local community service centre;

 2° as for citizens and the public protection, the regulation determines the terms and conditions, in particular training, according to which such activities may be performed.

Further information may be obtained by contacting, M^e Linda Bélanger, Legal Advisor, Collège des médecins du Québec, 2170, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest, Montréal (Québec) H3H 2T8; telephone number: (514) 933-4441, extension 5362; facsimile number: (514) 933-5374; e-mail: lbelanger@cmq.org

Any person having comments to make on the following text is asked to send them, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Chairman of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. Comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions; they may also be sent to the professional order that has adopted the Regulation, namely the Collège des médecins du Québec, as well as to interested persons, ministries and organizations.

GAÉTAN LEMOYNE, Chairman of the Office des professions du Québec

Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by respiratory therapist

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, a. 94 *h*)

1. The purpose of this regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be performed by physicians, those that, pursuant to an individual prescription - and to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a respiratory therapist.

2. A respiratory therapist may perform a radial arterial puncture if he holds a certificate issued by the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes attesting that:

 1° he has successfully completed at least two (2) hours of theoretical training recognized by the Order, on the following aspects:

(a) the anatomy of the vascular system;

(b) the main indications and contraindications for taking blood samples by arterial puncture;

(c) the complications and limits associated with taking blood samples by arterial puncture;

(d) the technique and procedure for taking blood samples by arterial puncture; and

 2° he has successfully performed at least 15 arterial punctures under the immediate supervision of a physician, which are noted on a document indicating the date, location, name and signature of the supervising physician, for each puncture.

3. The respiratory therapist performs this activity in an institution within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) or the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native Persons, (R.S.Q., c. S-5), in a laboratory for diagnostic testing of cardio-pulmonary function, including an intensive care unit or an emergency service or department.

He may also perform this activity within the context of home care services provided by an institution operating a local community service centre.

4. This regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day after its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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