

Draft Regulations

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

Medical Technologists

— Equivalence standards for the issue of a permit

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Bureau of the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec has made the Regulation respecting equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec, the text of which appears below.

The Regulation will be examined by the Office des professions du Québec in accordance with section 95 of the Professional Code. It will then be submitted, with the recommendation of the Office, to the Government, which may approve it with or without amendment, upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The main purpose of the Regulation is to establish, as required by the Professional Code, equivalence standards to allow the Bureau of the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec to recognize, for the purpose of issuing a permit of the Order, the equivalence of diplomas issued by educational establishments situated outside Québec and the equivalence of training acquired in Québec as well as outside Québec, for persons who do not hold a diploma recognized by regulation of the Government as meeting the requirements for issue of the permit of the Order.

The Regulation does not apply to members of the Order. It is aimed mainly at candidates for the practice of the profession, that is, persons who want to obtain, from the Order, a permit to practise the profession but who do not hold one of the diplomas recognized as meeting the requirements for issue of the permit of the Order, listed in the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated teaching establishments which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders.

Further information concerning the Regulation may be obtained by contacting Mr. Alain Collette, Secretary and Director General of the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux Québec at the following address: 1150, boulevard Saint-Joseph Est, bureau 300, Montréal (Québec), H2J 1L5; tel.: (514) 527-9811 or 1-800-567-7763; fax: (514) 527-7314.

Any person having comments to make concerning the Regulation is asked to send them, before the expiry of the 45-day period mentioned above, to the Chairman of the Office des professions du Québec, complexe de la place Jacques-Cartier, 320, rue Saint-Joseph Est, 1^{er} étage, Québec (Québec), G1K 8G5. Those 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 made the regulation, that is, the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec, and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

ROBERT DIAMANT,
*Chairman of the Office
des professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec

Professional Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 93, par. c and s. 94.1; 1994,
c. 40, s. 80)

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. In this Regulation,

“diploma equivalence” means the recognition by the administrative committee of the Order that a diploma issued by a teaching establishment outside Québec certifies that a candidate's level of knowledge is equivalent to the level attained by the holder of a diploma recognized as meeting permit requirements;

“training equivalence” means the recognition by the administrative committee of the Order that a candidate's training demonstrates that he has attained a level of knowledge equivalent to the level attained by the holder of a diploma recognized as meeting permit requirements.

2. The secretary of the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec shall forward a copy of this Regulation to a candidate wishing to have a diploma or training recognized as equivalent.

DIVISION II PROCEDURE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMA AND TRAINING EQUIVALENCE

3. A candidate wishing to be granted an equivalence shall provide the secretary with the following documents required to support his application, together with the fees required in accordance with paragraph 8 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26) for study of the application:

(1) his academic record, including a list of the courses and a transcript of the marks obtained, a description of the courses taken and their duration;

(2) proof that the diploma was awarded, where applicable;

(3) a document attesting to his participation in a professional training period and a description of the training period, where applicable;

(4) a description of his relevant work experience, where applicable.

Documents not written in French or English shall be accompanied by a certified translation.

4. The secretary shall forward the documents provided for in section 3 to a committee formed by the Bureau in accordance with paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code to examine applications for equivalence and to make an appropriate recommendation in respect of each application.

5. Subject to section 6, at the first meeting following the date of receipt of that recommendation, the administrative committee shall decide whether it will grant the equivalence and shall notify the candidate in writing within 15 days of its decision.

6. Where the administrative committee has reason to believe that it is not expedient to grant equivalence, it shall notify the candidate in writing and shall give him an opportunity to be heard.

A candidate who receives the information referred to in the first paragraph may apply to the administrative committee for a hearing, provided that he applies therefor to the secretary in writing within 30 days of the mailing of the notice.

Within 45 days following receipt of such application, the administrative committee shall hear the candidate and, where expedient, shall review its decision. Not less

than 10 days before the date of the hearing, the secretary shall convene the candidate by means of a written notice sent by registered or certified mail.

The administrative committee's decision is final and shall be sent in writing to the candidate within 15 days following the date of the hearing.

7. Within 15 days of its decision not to grant the equivalence, the administrative committee shall notify the candidate in writing of the number of credits or courses that are lacking or that do not meet the requirements of section 8 or of the program of study, training periods or examinations which, taking into consideration his current level of knowledge, must be successfully completed for the equivalence to be granted.

DIVISION III STANDARDS OF DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCE

8. A candidate who holds a diploma in medical laboratory technology awarded by an educational establishment outside Québec shall be granted a diploma equivalence if he holds

(1) a diploma awarded upon completion of college-level studies comprising a minimum of 92 2/3 credits, with each credit corresponding to 45 hours of course attendance and personal study and with at least 53 2/3 of those credits being apportioned as follows:

(a) biochemistry	8 2/3
(b) haematology	9
(c) microbiology	7 1/3
(d) histology	5 2/3
(e) instrumental technology	9
(f) clinical internship in haematology and coagulation	2 2/3
(g) clinical internship in clinical biochemistry	4
(h) clinical internship in microbiology	4
(i) clinical internship in histology and cytology	1.3
(j) clinical internship in immunohaematology	2; or

(2) a diploma in medical laboratory technology, awarded by a foreign educational establishment, that meets the standards set by the Conjoint Committee for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Medical Laboratory Technology of the Canadian Medical Association. Any reference to those standards includes any later amendment made to them.

9. Notwithstanding section 8, where the diploma in respect of which an application for equivalence has been filed was awarded 5 years or more prior to the date of the application, diploma equivalence shall be denied if the knowledge recognized by the diploma no longer corresponds to the knowledge currently being taught, taking into account developments in the profession.

DIVISION IV STANDARDS OF TRAINING EQUIVALENCE

10. Subject to section 11, a candidate shall be granted a training equivalence if he demonstrates that he has attained a level of knowledge equivalent to that of a holder of a diploma recognized as meeting permit requirements.

11. To determine whether a candidate has demonstrated that he has attained the level of knowledge required by section 10, the administrative committee shall take all of the following factors into account:

- (1) the diplomas awarded in Québec or elsewhere;
- (2) the nature and content of the training courses taken;
- (3) the training periods completed;
- (4) the total number of years of schooling;
- (5) the nature and duration of his experience; and
- (6) his knowledge of the profession and professional ethics.

Where the assessment made under the first paragraph does not make it possible to make a decision, the administrative committee may impose an examination or a training period to complete its assessment.

DIVISION V FINAL

12. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the standards for equivalence of diplomas for the

issue of a permit of the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec, approved by Order in Council 1654-92 dated 11 November 1992.

13. 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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An Act respecting private education
(R.S.Q., c. E-9.1)

Private educational institutions — 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 Regulation respecting private educational institutions at the preschool, elementary school and secondary school levels, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister of Education at the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the Draft Regulation is to define the expression “student from outside Québec” and to establish the additional contribution that a private educational institution may require of such student.

To date, study of this matter has revealed no significant impact on businesses.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. René Lepage, Direction générale du financement et des équipements, ministère de l'Éducation, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 14^e étage, Québec (Québec), G1R 5A5; tel.: (418) 643-5432.

Any interested person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Education, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 16^e étage, Québec (Québec), G1R 5A5.

PAULINE MAROIS,
Minister of Education
