

SCHEDULE 1

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Note: The medications without specifications are to be administered topically.

1. Mydriatics
2. Local anesthetics, except cocaine, to remove a superficial foreign body from the eye
3. Anti-allergic agents
 - Antihistamines
 - Mast cell stabilizers
4. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications
5. Corticosteroids
6. Anti-infectives
 - Antibiotics
 - Miscellaneous anti-infectives
 - Antivirals
7. Corticosteroids and anti-infectives in combination
8. Lubricants
9. Miscellaneous ophthalmic and hyperosmotic agents
10. Oral vitamins, except those listed in Schedule F to the Food and Drug Regulations (C.R.C., c. 870)
11. Vasoconstrictor agents
12. Anti-glaucoma medications, in the cases and conditions set out in Division II

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Draft Regulation

Optometry Act
(R.S.Q., c. O-7)

Optometrists

— Standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the “Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and to provide eye care” adopted by the Bureau of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government, which may approve it with or without amendment, upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

According to the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, the purpose of this regulation is to establish standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing optometrists to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care. The Order does not foresee any other impact on businesses, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Marco Laverdière, Secretary and Executive Director of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, 1265 Berri St., Suite 700, Montréal, Québec H2L 4X4; telephone: (514) 499-0524; fax: (514) 499-1051.

Any person having comments to make may submit them, before the expiry of the 45 days period specified above, to Mr. Jean-K. Samson, Chairman of Office des professions du Québec, 800 Place D’Youville, 10th Floor, Québec City, Québec G1R 5Z3. These 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 which has adopted this regulation, as well as to interested persons, departments and agencies.

JEAN-K. SAMSON,
*Chairman of the Office des
professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care

Optometry Act
(R.S.Q., c. O-7, s. 19.2)

**DIVISION I
STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUE OF THE PERMIT**

1. The permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care shall be issued to a member of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec who :

1° has submitted his application in writing to the secretary of the Order in the form of Schedule 1 ;

2° has paid the fees fixed by the Bureau of the Order for the issue of the permit ;

3° holds a permit authorizing him to administer medications for eye examination purposes, pursuant to the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medications, approved by Order in Council No. 1452-95, dated November 8, 1995 ;

4° has successfully completed a training period, during the 4 years preceding the year of the application, under a training program offered by an educational institution that issues a diploma meeting the requirements for the permit issued by the Ordre des optométristes du Québec or another training program considered equivalent by the Bureau ; such training shall comprise a minimum of 100 hours of theoretical and clinical courses in eye health and the pharmacological treatment of certain ocular pathologies.

2. The permit shall also be issued to a member of the Ordre des optométristes who meets the other conditions prescribed in section 1, even if he received his training before the period referred to in paragraph 4 of that section, or even if his training is not of the level referred to in that paragraph, provided that he participates in the training program and passes the examination provided for in sections 3 to 7.

3. The training program shall be approved by the Bureau and it shall include a minimum of 100 hours of theoretical and clinical courses in eye health and the pharmacological treatment of ocular pathologies.

4. The training program may provide that the theoretical training be given using any audio-visual means.

5. Upon completion of the training program, an examination shall be administered with a view to assessing the optometrist's knowledge in eye health and the pharmacological treatment of ocular pathologies, and his clinical training in those subject areas.

6. The examination may include written, oral and practical parts, for each of the subject areas referred to in section 3.

7. In order to pass the examination, an optometrist shall obtain 60% for each of the written, oral and practical parts included in the examination.

**DIVISION II
HOLDING, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION
OF THE PERMIT**

8. In order to hold the permit referred to in Division I for more than 3 years, an optometrist shall take part in the upgrading program approved by the Bureau and provided for in sections 9 and 10.

9. The upgrading program shall require that every optometrist holding the permit referred to in Division I update his knowledge every 3 years.

10. The upgrading program shall include 15 hours of theoretical or clinical training related to the subject areas referred to in section 3.

11. Paragraph 2 of section 1 applies, adapted as required, to the upgrading program referred to in this Division.

12. The Bureau shall suspend the permit referred to in Division I where it is held by an optometrist who cannot establish that he has met the requirements of the upgrading program. Such suspension may not last longer than 6 months.

13. At the expiry of the period for which the permit is suspended, the Bureau shall permanently revoke the permit within 30 days if the optometrist cannot establish that he has met the requirements of the upgrading program.

14. An optometrist whose permit referred to in Division I has been revoked by the Bureau shall again meet the conditions prescribed in Division I of this Regulation for the issue of the permit.

15. This regulation shall come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

SCHEDULE I

(a. 1)

APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT AUTHORIZING AN OPTOMETRIST TO ADMINISTER AND PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES AND PROVIDE EYE CARE

I, the undersigned _____, residing at _____, hereby declare the following :

1° I am entered on the roll of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec ;

2° my professional domicile is located at _____ and I also practise at _____ ;

3° I have enclosed the documents establishing that my training complies with the training prescribed by the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of a permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and to provide eye care ;

4° I am applying to the Bureau for the permit authorizing me to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and to provide eye care, in accordance with the provisions of the Optometry Act, of the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and to provide eye care and of the Regulation respecting the medications that an optometrist may administer and prescribe for therapeutic purposes and the eye care that he may provide.

Member's signature _____

Date _____

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Draft Regulation

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

Denturologists

— Professional acts that may be performed by persons other than denturologists

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 professional acts that may be performed by persons other than denturologists, adopted by the Bureau of the Ordre des denturologistes du Québec, may be submitted to the Government for approval with or without amendment upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to allow students in denturology and persons who must complete a program of study or period of training to obtain a training equivalence under the Regulation respecting the standards for diploma or training equivalence for the issuing of a permit by the Ordre professionnel des denturologistes du Québec to perform the professional acts reserved for denturologists.

The draft Regulation also prescribes the conditions on which those acts may be performed.

According to the Order, the Regulation will have no impact on businesses of any size.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Monique Bouchard, Secretary and Director General of the Ordre des denturologistes du Québec, 45, place Charles-Lemoyne, bureau 106, Longueuil (Québec) J4K 5G5 ; tel. (450) 646-7922 or 1 800 567-2251, fax: (450) 646-2509.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, 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 Order 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, as well as to interested persons, departments and bodies.

JEAN-K. SAMSON,
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