

**6.** 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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Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 1024-2003, 24 September 2003**

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

**Optometrist**

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

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

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 19.2 of the Optometry Act (R.S.Q., c. O-7), the Bureau of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec shall, by regulation, fix the standards for the issue and holding of a permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medication to a patient for therapeutic purposes and to provide eye care to the patient;

WHEREAS the Bureau of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec made 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 provide eye care;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), subject to sections 95.1 and 95.2 of the Code, every regulation made by the Bureau of a professional order under the Code or an Act constituting a professional order shall be transmitted to the Office des professions du Québec du Québec for examination and shall be submitted, with the recommendation of the Office, to the Government which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 2 April 2003, with a notice that it could be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Office examined the Regulation and made its recommendation;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions:

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 provide eye care, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

ANDRÉ DICAIRE,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

**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 that division 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**

(s. 1)

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

(s. 1)

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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Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 1025-2003, 24 September 2003**

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

### **Optometrist**

— **Medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes**  
— **Eye care that may be provided**

Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 19.4 of the *Optometry Act* (R.S.Q., c. O-7), the Office des professions du Québec shall determine periodically, by regulation, after consultation with the Conseil du médicament, the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, the Ordre des médecins du Québec and the Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec, the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist, and determine, if expedient, the cases in which and the terms and conditions according to which such medications may be administered or prescribed or such care may be provided by an optometrist;

WHEREAS the Office des professions has adopted the *Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist*;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 13 of the *Professional Code* (R.S.Q., c. C-26), every regulation adopted by the Office is submitted to the Government, which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *Regulations Act* (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the *Regulation* was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 2 April 2003, with a notice that it could be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the *Regulation with amendments*;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for the administration of legislation respecting the professions :

THAT the *Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist, attached to this Order in Council, be approved*.

ANDRÉ DICAIRE,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

### **Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist**

Optometry Act  
(R.S.Q., c. O-7, s. 19.4)

#### **DIVISION I GENERAL**

**1.** An optometrist who holds a permit referred to in the second paragraph of section 19.2 of the *Optometry Act* (R.S.Q., c. O-7) may, in cases presenting conditions of mild morbidity of the eye and adnexa that require no invasive procedure, administer and prescribe for therapeutic purposes the medications in the categories listed in Schedule I, in accordance with the terms and conditions determined in this *Regulation*.

An optometrist may also, in accordance with the same terms and conditions, remove a superficial foreign body from the eye, provided there is no laceration or injury to the ocular globe.