

When the Administrative Committee refuses to grant the equivalence requested or to only partially grant it, it must on the same occasion inform the candidate in writing of what study program to take or, as appropriate, what additional training, work experience or examinations passed within a fixed deadline will allow the candidate to be granted such equivalence.

12. A candidate informed of a decision by the Administrative Committee not to grant the requested equivalence or to grant it only partially may ask for a review by submitting to the Secretary a written request to this effect, with explanations, within 30 days of receiving this decision.

The review is made within 90 days of the date of receipt of this request by a committee formed by the Bureau in application of paragraph (2) of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code, consisting of persons other than the members of the Administrative Committee. Before making its decision, this committee must allow the candidate to present his comments.

A candidate who wishes to appear to present comments must so inform the Secretary at least 5 days before the planned date of the meeting. However, the candidate may send the Secretary written comments at any time before the planned date for this meeting.

The decision of the committee is final and must be sent to the candidate in writing within 30 days of the date of its meeting.

13. This regulation replaces the Regulation respecting standards for equivalence of diplomas and training for the issue of a permit by the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec, approved by Order-in-Council 133-2001 of February 21, 2002.

However, any request for diploma or training equivalence received before this regulation comes into force is evaluated according to the prior regulation.

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

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Draft Regulation

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

Speech therapists and audiologists — Categories of permits issued by the Order

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 categories of permits issued by the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec, made by the Bureau of the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec, may be submitted to the Government which may approve it, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

According to the Order, the purpose of the Regulation is to establish two categories of permit within the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec, one for speech therapists and one for audiologists, in connection with the use of reserved titles and the carrying on of the professional activities recently reserved for members of the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec pursuant to the Act to amend the Professional Code and other legislative provisions as regards the health sector (2002, c. 33).

The Order foresees no impact of the Regulation on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Louis Beaulieu, President and Director General of the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec, 235, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, bureau 601, Montréal (Québec) H2X 1N8; telephone: 514 282-9123 or 1 888 232-9123; fax: 514 282-9541.

Any interested person having comments to make is asked to send them in writing, 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 sent to the professional order that made the Regulation and to the persons, departments and other bodies concerned.

GAÉTAN LEMOYNE,
*Chair of the Office des
professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting the categories of permits issued by the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec

Professional Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 94, par. m)

1. The following two categories of permits are established within the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec :

- (1) the speech therapist category ; and
- (2) the audiologist category.

A speech therapist category permit may be issued only to a holder of a diploma referred to in paragraphs *a*, *c* and *d* of section 1.12 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated teaching establishments which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders, made by Order in Council 1139-83 dated 1 June 1983, or to a person who has had a diploma equivalence or training equivalence recognized by the Bureau of the Order.

An audiologist category permit may be issued only to a holder of a diploma referred to in paragraph *b* of section 1.12 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated teaching establishments which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders or to a person who has had a diploma equivalence or training equivalence recognized by the Bureau of the Order.

2. No member of the Order may use the title of speech therapist or any other title or abbreviation or use initials that may imply that the member is a speech therapist, or engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraphs *c* and *d* of paragraph 2 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), unless the member holds the speech therapist category permit referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 1.

3. No member of the Order may use the title of audiologist or any other title or abbreviation or use initials that may imply that the member is an audiologist, or engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraphs *a*, *b* and *c* of paragraph 2 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code, unless the member holds the audiologist category permit referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 1.

4. Every permit issued by the Bureau of the Order between 11 September 2003 and (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) becomes

(1) a speech therapist category permit in the case of a holder of a diploma referred to in paragraphs *a*, *c* and *d* of section 1.12 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated teaching establishments which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders or of a person who has had a diploma equivalence or training equivalence recognized by the Bureau of the Order ;

(2) an audiologist category permit in the case of a holder of a diploma referred to in paragraph *b* of section 1.12 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated teaching establishments which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders or of a person who has had a diploma equivalence or training equivalence recognized by the Bureau of the Order ; or

(3) a permit of both categories established by the first paragraph of section 1 in the case of a person who, on 10 September 2003, was the holder of a diploma giving access to the permit of the Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec or was registered in a program giving access to such a diploma.

5. Every permit issued by the Bureau of the Order before 11 September 2003 becomes a permit of both categories referred to in the first paragraph of section 1.

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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