

2. Section 13 of the said regulation is replaced by the following:

“**13.** A candidate who is informed of the Bureau’s decision not to recognize the equivalence requested or to recognize it in part only may apply for review by a review committee. The review committee is formed by the Bureau pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code. No person contemplated in section 10 hereof and no member of the Bureau may form part of the review committee.

The candidate must apply for revision in writing to the secretary of the Order within 30 days of receipt of the decision. He may submit written representations to the review committee with his application for review.

The candidate may also, in his application, ask to be present to submit his observations when the review committee meets to consider his application for review. In that case, the secretary must inform the candidate of the date of the meeting by notice sent by registered mail not less than 15-days before the date of the meeting.

The review committee has 60 days from the date of receipt of the application for review to arrive at a decision. The decision of the review committee is final and must be sent to the candidate in writing by registered mail within 30 days after the date of the decision.”

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

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Gouvernement du Québec

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

Podiatres
— **Diploma and training equivalence standards for the issue of a permit**

Regulation respecting diploma and training equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre des podiatres du Québec

WHEREAS, under paragraph *c* of section 93 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), the Bureau of a professional order must, by regulation, prescribe standards for equivalence of diplomas issued by educational

establishments situated outside Québec, for the purposes of issuing a permit or specialist’s certificate, and standards of equivalence of the training of a person who does not hold a diploma required for such purposes;

WHEREAS, under paragraph *c.1* of section 93 of the Professional Code, the Bureau must, by regulation, determine a procedure for recognizing an equivalence, standards for which are to be established in a regulation under paragraph *c* of that section, providing that a decision must be reviewed by persons other than those who made it and, for that purpose, provide that the Bureau’s power to decide an application or review a decision may be delegated to a committee established under paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Code;

WHEREAS, under paragraph *h* of section 94 of the Professional Code, the Bureau may, by regulation, determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by members of the order, those that may be engaged in by persons serving a period of professional training determined pursuant to paragraph *i* of that section, and the terms and conditions on which such persons may engage in such activities;

WHEREAS, under paragraph *i* of section 94 of the Professional Code, the Bureau may, by regulation, determine the other terms and conditions for issuing permits, in particular the obligation to serve the periods of professional training and to pass the professional examinations it determines; the regulation may also fix standards of equivalence applicable to the terms and conditions determined therein;

WHEREAS the Bureau of the Ordre des podiatres du Québec made the Regulation respecting diploma and training equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre des podiatres du Québec;

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of 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 9 January 2008 with a notice that it could be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 95 of the Professional Code, the Office has 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 diploma and training equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre des podiatres du Québec, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

GÉRARD BIBEAU,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting diploma and training equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre des podiatres du Québec

Professional Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 93, pars. *c* and *c.1* and s. 94,
pars. *h* and *i*)

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. The secretary of the Ordre des podiatres du Québec must forward a copy of this Regulation to a candidate who, for the purpose of obtaining a permit from the Order, applies to have a diploma or training recognized as equivalent.

2. In this Regulation,

“credit” means the quantitative value attributed to a student’s work-load, one credit representing 15 hours of theoretical coursework and 30 hours of practical work, or 45 hours of clinical practicum;

“diploma equivalence” means recognition, pursuant to the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), that a diploma issued by an educational institution outside Québec certifies that a candidate’s level of knowledge and skills is equivalent to the level attained by the holder of a diploma recognized as giving access to the permit issued by the Order;

“diploma giving access to the permit” means a diploma recognized, pursuant to a regulation of the Government made under the first paragraph of section 184 of the Professional Code, as giving access to the permit issued by the Order;

“training equivalence” means recognition, pursuant to the Professional Code, that a candidate’s training has enabled the candidate to attain a level of knowledge and skills equivalent to the level attained by the holder of a diploma giving access to the permit issued by the Order.

DIVISION II DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCE STANDARDS

3. A candidate who holds a diploma awarded by an educational institution outside Québec is granted a diploma equivalence if the diploma was obtained upon completion of studies at a level equivalent to university comprising a minimum of 195 credits. At least 192 of the 195 credits must be apportioned as follows:

(1) basic sciences: a minimum of 37 credits in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology and histology, and at least 6 credits in community health and research methodology;

(2) clinical sciences and podiatry: at least 80 credits apportioned as follows:

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| (a) pathologies | 16 credits; |
| (b) biomechanics | 4 credits; |
| (c) radiology | 7 credits; |
| (d) podiatric orthopedics | 8 credits; |
| (e) pharmacology | 5 credits; |
| (f) emergency care / traumatology | 3 credits; |
| (g) podiatric surgery | 10 credits; |
| (h) ethics and deontology | 3 credits; |
| (i) clinical podiatry | 24 credits; |

(3) clinical practicums in podiatry: a minimum of 69 credits apportioned as follows:

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| (a) podiatry | 18 credits; |
| (b) podiatric orthopedics | 22 credits; |
| (c) podiatric surgery | 20 credits; |
| (d) podiatric radiology | 9 credits. |

4. Despite section 3, if the diploma for which an equivalence application is made was obtained more than three years before the date of the application and, considering the developments in the profession, the knowledge and skills certified by the diploma no longer correspond to what is currently being taught in a program of studies leading to the issue of a diploma giving access to the permit issued by the Order, a candidate who has attained the required level of knowledge and skills since being awarded the diploma is granted a training equivalence pursuant to section 5.

DIVISION III TRAINING EQUIVALENCE STANDARDS

5. A candidate who demonstrates having a level of knowledge and skills equivalent to the level attained by the holder of a diploma giving access to the permit issued by the Order is granted a training equivalence.

6. In assessing the training submitted in support of a training equivalence application, the Bureau is to take particular account of the following factors:

(1) the fact that the candidate holds one or more diplomas;

(2) the nature of the courses taken, their content and their duration in hours or the number of credits earned for them;

(3) the total number of years of schooling;

(4) supervised practicums completed by the candidate in podiatric practice, and any other training or upgrading activities;

(5) the nature and duration of the candidate's experience in podiatric practice; and

(6) any contribution to the advancement of the profession of podiatry.

DIVISION IV EQUIVALENCE RECOGNITION PROCEDURE

7. A candidate wishing to have an equivalence recognized must provide the secretary with the following documents and information:

(1) a written equivalence application accompanied by the application examination fees required pursuant to paragraph 8 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code;

(2) the candidate's complete academic record, including a description of the courses taken and their duration in hours or the number of credits earned for them, and the corresponding transcript;

(3) a certified true copy of all diplomas held;

(4) where applicable, proof that the candidate is or was a member of an order or recognized association of podiatrists or a true copy of any permit to practise held by the candidate;

(5) where applicable, an attestation and a description of the candidate's relevant work experience in the practice of podiatry;

(6) where applicable, an attestation of successful completion of a supervised practicum or of satisfactory participation in any other training or upgrading activity relating to the practice of podiatry, and a detailed description of the content of the activity; and

(7) where applicable, any information relating to other factors the Bureau may take into account pursuant to section 6.

8. Documents in a language other than French or English submitted in support of an equivalence application must be accompanied by a French or English translation certified under oath by the translator.

9. The committee formed by the Bureau to examine equivalence applications makes the appropriate recommendations to the Bureau.

For the purposes of an appropriate recommendation, the committee may require the candidate to sit for an interview, pass an examination or serve a practicum.

10. At the first regular meeting following the date of receipt of the committee's recommendation, the Bureau must decide to

(1) grant the diploma or training equivalence;

(2) grant the training equivalence in part; or

(3) refuse to grant the diploma or training equivalence.

11. The secretary must inform the candidate of the Bureau's decision in writing by registered mail within 15 days after the date of the decision.

If the Bureau refuses to grant the equivalence or grants a training equivalence in part, it must at the same time inform the candidate in writing of any programs of study, bridging programs, practicums or examinations which if successfully completed within the allotted time would enable the candidate to be granted the training equivalence. The Bureau must also inform the candidate of the candidate's right to apply for a review of the decision in accordance with section 12.

12. A candidate who is informed of the Bureau's decision not to grant the equivalence or to grant the equivalence in part may apply for review of the decision. The review application must be made to the secretary in writing within 30 days of receiving the Bureau's decision.

The review must take place within 60 days after the date on which the application is received by a committee formed by the Bureau, pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code, and composed of persons other than members of the Bureau or the committee referred to in section 9.

Before disposing of the review application, the committee must inform the candidate of the date of the meeting at which the review application will be examined and of the candidate's right to make submissions.

A candidate who wishes to be present at the meeting to make submissions must notify the secretary at least five days before the date set for the meeting. The candidate may, however, send written submissions to the secretary at any time before the date set for the meeting.

The decision of the review committee is final and must be sent to the candidate in writing by registered mail within 30 days after the date of the decision.

13. The Provisional regulation respecting terms and conditions for issuing permits in podiatry (R.R.Q., 1981, c. P-12, r.4) is revoked.

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