

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 394-2009, 1 April 2009

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

**Optométrists
— Legal authorizations to practise optometry
outside Québec that give access to the permit
of the Ordre**

Regulation respecting legal authorizations to practise optometry outside Québec that give access to the permit of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec

WHEREAS, under paragraph *q* of section 94 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, amended by chapter 11 of the Statutes of 2008), the board of directors of a professional order may, by regulation, determine which legal authorizations to practise a profession outside Québec give access to a permit or a specialist's certificate, and the conditions for the issue of the permit or the specialist's certificate that are applicable to the holders of the legal authorizations;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec made the Regulation respecting legal authorizations to practice optometry outside Québec that meet the requirements for the permit of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code and subject to section 95.2 of the Code, amended respectively by sections 63 and 65 of chapter 11 of the Statutes of 2008, every regulation made by the board of directors of a professional order 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. R18.1), a draft of the Regulation respecting legal authorizations to practice optometry outside Québec that meet the requirements for the permit of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 23 July 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 an amendment to the title of the English text;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice:

THAT the Regulation respecting legal authorizations to practise optometry outside Québec that give access to the permit of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

GÉRARD BIBEAU,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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1. Legal authorizations to practise the profession of optometry issued in a Canadian province, Canadian territory or the United States give access to the permit issued by the Ordre des optométristes du Québec.

2. To obtain the permit of the Order, the holder of legal authorization referred to in section 1 sends a written request to the secretary of the Order with supporting documentation enclosed demonstrating that he is legally authorized to practise optometry in a different Canadian province, Canadian territory or the United States and the payment of fees for the review of his record, payable in accordance with paragraph 8 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26).

He must also agree, by writing to the secretary of the Order, to participate in an information session on the code of ethics for the practise of optometry in Québec. This training, which lasts a maximum of 7 hours, is provided by the Order.

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