

## Draft Regulation

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

### Physiotherapists and physical rehabilitation therapists — Categories of permits issued by the Ordre

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 professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec,” made by the board of directors of the Ordre de la physiothérapie 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.

The draft Regulation sets out two categories of permits within the Ordre de la physiothérapie du Québec, i.e., the physiotherapist category and the physical rehabilitation therapist category, with respect to using reserved titles and engaging in the professional activities in which only the members of the Ordre de la physiothérapie du Québec may engage.

The draft Regulation has no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D’Youville, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister of Justice and may also be sent to the Order and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

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professions du Québec*

## Regulation respecting the categories of permits issued by the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec

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

**1.** The following 2 categories of permits are established within the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec:

- 1° the physiotherapist category; and
- 2° the physical rehabilitation therapist category.

A physiotherapist category permit may be issued only to a holder of a diploma, referred to in section 1.14 of the Regulation Respecting the Diplomas, issued by designated educational institutions 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 board of directors of the Order.

A physical rehabilitation therapist category permit may be issued only to a holder of a diploma, referred to in section 2.12 of the Regulation Respecting the Diplomas, issued by designated educational institutions 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 board of directors of the Order.

**2.** A physiotherapist permit allows its holder to engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraph *n* of section 37 of the Professional Code and in paragraph 3 of section 37.1 of the Code.

A member who holds this permit may only use the title of “physiotherapist” or “Physical Therapist” as well as the abbreviation “pht” or the initials “P.T.”

**3.** A physical rehabilitation therapist permit allows its holder to engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraph *n* of section 37 of the Professional Code and in subparagraphs *e* and *f* of paragraph 3 of section 37.1 of the Code, subject to the conditions and in the cases provided in section 4.

A member who holds this permit may only use the title of “physical rehabilitation therapist”, “Physical Rehabilitation Technician” or “Physiotherapy Technician” and use only the initials “P.R.T.”

**4.** Where the physical rehabilitation therapist has a prior evaluation by a physiotherapist or a medical diagnosis that is not limited to symptoms and specifies the type of structure affected, if applicable, accompanied by pertinent medical information, the physical rehabilitation therapist may:

1° determine the list of problems and goals of treatment, contra-indications or precautions, make decisions regarding the choice of modalities of treatment and implement the treatment for a patient with an ailment for which a loss of autonomy has been determined or where sequellae require rehabilitation to maintain capacities or the level of functional autonomy.

2° contribute to determining the list of problems, determine the goals of treatment, contra-indications and precautions, make decisions regarding the choice of modalities of treatment and implement the treatment for a patient with an orthopaedic or rheumatologic disorder that does not interfere with normal growth.

3° when provided with the problem list and treatment goals, contra-indications and precautions, make decisions regarding the modalities of treatment and implement the treatment for a patient with:

*a)* an orthopaedic or rheumatologic disorder that interferes with normal growth;

*b)* a neurological disorder affecting an adult not requiring an intensive period of functional rehabilitation or for which the intensive period of functional rehabilitation has ended;

*c)* a chronic and controlled respiratory disorder;

*d)* a peripheral vascular disorder;

*e)* a skin condition, pressure ulcer or burn, with the exception of serious burns;

*f)* a geriatric profile in which the condition indicates that an investigation is required.

4° when provided with the problem list and treatment goals, contra-indications and precautions, implement a treatment specified by a physiotherapist or physician for a patient with a disorder or condition other than those provided in paragraphs 1, 2 or 3.