

Draft Regulation

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

Optometrists

— Acts which, among those that constitute the practice of optometry, may be performed by classes of persons other than optometrists

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 activities that among those constituting the practice of optometry may be performed by classes of persons other than optometrists, made by the board of directors of the Ordre des optométristes 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 Regulation authorizes the performance of acts that constitute the practice of optometry by classes of persons other than optometrists.

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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^e 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 professional order that made the Regulation as well as to interested persons, departments and bodies.

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professions du Québec*

Regulation respecting the activities that among those constituting the practice of optometry may be performed by classes of persons other than optometrists

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(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 94, par. h)

1. This regulation identifies those activities among those constituting the practice of optometry that, according to the conditions herein prescribed, may be performed by:

- (1) a student of optometry;
- (2) a candidate for the practice of the profession.

2. For the application of this regulation, the following meanings apply:

(1) “student of optometry,” a person registered in the doctorate of optometry program or another program containing clinical activities offered by the École d’optométrie of the Université de Montréal or an educational institution located outside Québec, whose standards respect those of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, to the extent the person has successfully completed at least one year of a university education program in optometry;

(2) “candidate for the practice of the profession,” a person contemplated by section 5 of the Regulation respecting equivalence standards for the issue of a permit by the Ordre des optométristes du Québec (c. O-7, r. 12) who is completing a program of studies, a training period or an examination that when passed would allow the person to receive an equivalence of diploma or training.

3. A student in optometry and a candidate for the practice of the profession may, as part of a program of studies they are completing, perform the acts contemplated by sections 16, 19.1 and 19.1.1 of the Optometry Act (R.S.Q., c. O-7) except the prescription of ophthalmic lenses and medications and the sale of ophthalmic lenses.

When performing one of these acts, this person must work under the supervision of an optometrist with one of the permits contemplated in section 19.2 of the Optometry Act or a physician with a specialist’s certificate in ophthalmology who has responsibility and is available for a procedure locally within a short period of time.

4. 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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