

## Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 26-2012, 19 January 2012**

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

### **Professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care**

Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care

WHEREAS, under paragraph *h* of section 94 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), the board of directors of a professional order 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 the persons or categories of persons indicated in the regulation, in particular 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 the board of directors of the Collège des médecins du Québec made the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code and subject to sections 95.0.1 and 95.2 of the Code, every regulation made by the board of directors of a professional order under the Code or an Act constituting such an 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 respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 8 June 2011 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 of Justice:

THAT the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

GILLES PAQUIN,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

### **Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care**

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

#### **DIVISION I GENERAL**

**1.** The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that physicians may engage in, the professional activities that, pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a first responder, an ambulance technician, an ambulance technician trained in advanced care and by other persons within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care, with a person who has a health problem that requires an emergency intervention.

**2.** In the absence of a first responder or ambulance technician, any person who has received training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that complies with the standards of the American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care or recognized by the Fondation des maladies du coeur du Québec and including the use of a defibrillator, may use an automated external defibrillator when performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**3.** In the absence of a first responder or an ambulance technician, any person having received training in the administration of adrenalin approved by the regional or national medical director of pre-hospital emergency services may administer adrenalin with an auto-injector device to a person in the case of a severe anaphylactic allergic reaction.

**4.** In the absence of a first responder or an ambulance technician, any person having received training in the administration of glucagon, given by a physician or nurse, may administer glucagon to a person in a hypoglycemic state who is unconscious, convulsing, unable to swallow or confused.

**5.** Any person having received training in the administration of oxygen may administer that substance to a person while awaiting the arrival of pre-hospital emergency services.

**6.** The professional activities determined by this Regulation are engaged in under the clinical intervention protocols determined and approved, after consultation with the Collège des médecins du Québec, by the Minister of Health and Social Services, in accordance with the third paragraph of section 3 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (R.S.Q., c. S-6.2).

## DIVISION II FIRST RESPONDER

**7.** A first responder may

- (1) use the automated external defibrillator for cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (2) administer adrenalin with an auto-injector device in the case of a severe anaphylactic allergic reaction;
- (3) assist ventilation with a bag valve mask;
- (4) insert a nasopharyngeal airway;
- (5) administer glucagon in a case of severe hypoglycemia to a person who is unconscious, convulsing, unable to swallow or confused.

In this Regulation, “first responder” means any person whose name is on the list of first responders drawn up by an agency referred to in section 339 of the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) or by the Corporation d’urgences-santé referred to in section 87 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services.

## DIVISION III AMBULANCE TECHNICIAN

**8.** To engage in the professional activities determined in section 9, an ambulance technician must be registered in the national workforce registry of ambulance technicians established pursuant to subparagraph 10 of the second paragraph of section 3 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services and have obtained an ambulance technician qualification certificate allowing the ambulance technician to engage in those activities.

**9.** In addition to the activities referred to in section 7, an ambulance technician may

- (1) assess the presence of signs or symptoms allowing the application of the protocols referred to in section 6;
- (2) insert a double lumen esophageal-tracheal tube or a supraglottic device in a person experiencing cardiopulmonary arrest or with an impaired state of consciousness;
- (3) administer the necessary substances or medications via sublingual, oral, intranasal, subcutaneous, intramuscular, transdermal or inhalation route;
- (4) introduce an intravenous solution not containing medication using a short peripheral catheter at the request and in the presence of an ambulance technician trained in advanced care;
- (5) use the semi-automatic defibrillator monitor for cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (6) provide clinical monitoring of the condition of a person;
- (7) mechanically assist ventilation, including through an endotracheal tube already in place;
- (8) suction secretions from a person with a tracheotomy.

## DIVISION IV AMBULANCE TECHNICIAN TRAINED IN ADVANCED CARE

**10.** In order to engage in the professional activities determined in sections 12 and 13, an ambulance technician trained in advanced care must

- (1) have experience relating to the practice of those activities totalling 24 months full time;

(2) hold a university diploma in advanced emergency pre-hospital care issued by a Québec university under an undergraduate study program that includes a minimum of 60 credits or have received an equivalence by the national medical director, pursuant to subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 6 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services;

(3) be registered in the national workforce registry of ambulance technicians and have obtained an ambulance technician qualification certificate authorizing the ambulance technician to practise advanced pre-hospital care.

**11.** An ambulance technician trained in advanced care who, on or before 1 April 2002, has passed the advanced care training recognized by the Corporation d'urgences-santé and approved by the Collège des médecins du Québec and who

(1) is registered in the national workforce registry of ambulance technicians with an active status authorizing the ambulance technician to engage in advanced pre-hospital care;

(2) has successfully completed, as part of a training program in pre-hospital care recognized by the national medical director of pre-hospital emergency services, pursuant to subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 6 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services, supplementary training of 175 hours involving

- (a) cardiology;
- (b) neurology;
- (c) pharmacology;
- (d) pneumology;
- (e) physiology;
- (f) pre-hospital protocols;

may also engage in the professional activities determined in sections 12 and 13.

**12.** An ambulance technician in advanced care may, in addition to the activities determined in Divisions II and III,

- (1) assess the condition of a person;
- (2) administer intravenously or endotracheally the required substances and medications;

(3) perform a direct laryngoscopy of a person whose respiratory tract is obstructed by a foreign body and proceed to withdraw it;

- (4) perform a manual defibrillation.

An ambulance technician may also, as part of a research project designed to evaluate advanced pre-hospital emergency care, proceed with the endotracheal intubation of an adult person experiencing cardiopulmonary arrest or with an impaired state of consciousness.

**13.** An ambulance technician in advanced care may, in addition to the activities determined in Divisions II and III, further to an individual prescription,

(1) introduce an intravenous solution via intraosseous route and administer the required substances or medications;

- (2) use the following invasive techniques:

(a) perform a thoracentesis using a needle technique in a patient in a preterminal state, receiving ventilation support;

- (b) apply external cardiac stimulation;

- (c) perform cardioversion;

- (d) perform a percutaneous cricothyroidotomy.

In the absence of an individual prescription and where communication with a physician is impossible, an ambulance technician in advanced care may, for an unstable patient, use those invasive techniques.

## DIVISION V STUDENT

**14.** A student registered in a training program leading to a diploma of college studies in pre-hospital emergency care or an attestation of college studies in ambulance techniques recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport may, in the presence of a physician, another qualified professional, a medical resident or an ambulance technician recognized as an instructor by an institution of college studies, engage in the professional activities determined in sections 7 and 9 insofar as they are required for the completion of the program.

**15.** A student registered in a training program leading to a diploma referred to in paragraph 2 of section 10 may, in the presence of a physician, another qualified professional, a medical resident or an ambulance technician

in advanced care recognized as an instructor by the university training program, engage in the professional activities determined in sections 12 and 13 insofar as they are required for the completion of the program.

**16.** The ambulance technician in advanced care referred to in section 11 may, in the presence of a physician, another qualified professional, a medical resident or an ambulance technician in advanced care recognized as an instructor by the university training program, engage in the professional activities determined in sections 12 and 13 insofar as they are required for the completion of the additional training of 175 hours referred to in paragraph 2 of section 11.

**17.** This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care (c. M-9, r. 2).

**18.** 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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## O.C. 27-2012, 19 January 2012

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

### **Specialist's certificates of professional orders — Diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates — Amendment**

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 184 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26), after obtaining the advice of the Office des professions du Québec in accordance with subparagraph 7 of the third paragraph of section 12 of the Code, and of the order concerned, the Government may, by regulation, determine the diplomas issued by the educational institutions it indicates which give access to a permit or specialist's certificate;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 7 of the third paragraph of section 12 of the Professional Code, the Office must, before advising the Government, consult the educational

institutions and the order concerned, the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec Universities in the case of a university-level diploma, the Fédération des cégeps in the case of a college-level diploma, and the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports;

WHEREAS the Office carried out the required consultation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 21 September 2011 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Government obtained the advice of the Office and that of the Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

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

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

GILLES PAQUIN,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

### **Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders**

Professional Code  
(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 184, 1st par.)

**1.** The Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders is amended by replacing section 1.08 by the following:

**“1.08.** The following diplomas awarded by the educational institution designated below give access to the permit issued by the Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec: