Draft Regulation

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

Social workers and marriage and family therapists — Categories of permits issued by the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec

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 categories of permits issued by the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec, made by the board of directors of the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux 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 establishes two categories of permits within the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec, the social worker category and the marriage and family therapist category, in connection with the use of reserved titles and the carrying on of the professional activities recently reserved for members of the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec, pursuant to the Act to amend the Professional Code and other legislative provisions in the field of mental health and human relations (2009, c. 28).

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^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 and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

JEAN PAUL DUTRISAC, Chair of the Office des professions du Québec

Regulation respecting categories of permits issued by the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux 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 des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec:

- (1) the social worker category;
- (2) the marriage and family therapist category.

2. A member of the Order may not use the title "Social Worker" or any other title or abbreviation which may lead to the belief that the member is a social worker, or use initials which may lead to the belief that the member is a social worker or the initials "P.S.W.", "T.S.P.", "S.W." or "T.S.", or engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraph 1.1.1 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26) within the scope of the activities the member may engage in under subparagraph *i* of paragraph *d* of section 37 of the Code, unless the member holds the social worker category permit referred to in paragraph 1 of section 1.

3. No member of the Order may use the title "Marriage and Family Therapist", "Marriage Therapist" or "Family Therapist" or any other title or abbreviation which may lead to the belief that the member is a marriage and family therapist, a marriage therapist or a family therapist, or use initials which may lead to the belief that the member is a marriage and family therapist, a marriage therapist or a family therapist or the initials "M.F.T.", "T.C.F.", "M.T.", "T.C.", "F.T." or "T.F.", or engage in the professional activities referred to in paragraph 1.1.2 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code within the scope of the activities the member may engage in under subparagraph *ii* of paragraph *d* of section 37 of the Code, unless the member holds the marriage and family therapist category permit referred to in paragraph 2 of section 1.

4. This Regulation comes into force on the date of coming into force of paragraph 1.1 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code introduced by paragraph 1 of section 5 of chapter 28 of the Statutes of 2009.

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