

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 Fédération des cégeps in the case of a college-level diploma, and the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology;

WHEREAS the Office carried out the required consultation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter 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 20 March 2013 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 professionnel de la physiothérapie 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.

JEAN ST-GELAIS,
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
(chapter C-26, s. 184)

1. The Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders (chapter C-26, r. 2) is amended by replacing "and Matane" by ", Matane, Beauce-Appalaches and Thetford".

2. 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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Professional Code
(chapter C-26)

Physicians — Certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians

Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians

WHEREAS, under paragraph *h* of section 94 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), the board of directors 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, on 7 December 2012, the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians;

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 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 (chapter R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 13 February 2013 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 submitted it to the Government with 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 certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

JEAN ST-GELAIS,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in orthopedics by persons other than physicians

Professional Code
(chapter C-26, s. 94, par. h)

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by physicians, those that may be engaged in by an orthopedic technician, a nursing assistant or other persons, and the terms and conditions on which such persons may engage in such activities.

2. In this Regulation, “orthopedic technician” means a person who has completed college-level training in the “Orthopedic Orthotic and Prosthetic Technology” program or has obtained equivalence of such training pursuant to the Regulation respecting equivalence standards for the issuing of permits by the Ordre professionnel des technologues professionnels (chapter C-26, r. 262) and is a member of the Ordre des technologues professionnels du Québec.

DIVISION II ORTHOPEDIC TECHNICIAN

3. An orthopedic technician may, based on a prescription, engage in the following professional activities:

- (1) apply, adjust, remove and repair a plaster or fibre-glass cast;
- (2) make, apply, adjust and remove splints;
- (3) install a brace for legs, shoulders, back or neck;
- (4) adjust orthopedic appliances and ambulatory devices;
- (5) provide care and treatment for wounds and skin disfigurements as part of a medical or nursing treatment plan;
- (6) provide technical assistance to a physician during minor orthopedic surgical intervention, with or without anesthesia;
- (7) remove sutures and staples;
- (8) contribute to the evaluation of an immobilized patient as part of management of the patient’s condition.

4. In order to engage in the activities referred to in section 3, an orthopedic technician must successfully complete complementary training of 25 hours involving

- (1) the technician’s contribution to the medical or nursing treatment plan;
- (2) skin anatomy and physiology;
- (3) the scarring process;
- (4) factors detrimental to scarring;
- (5) the principles of asepsis;
- (6) the principles of wound cleaning;

- (7) types of wounds associated with immobilizations;
- (8) products and bandages used in the context of immobilizations; and
- (9) techniques for removing sutures and staples.

Such training may have been completed in the training program referred to in section 2.

5. A person registered in a program leading to an orthopedic technician diploma, a candidate who must complete a program of study, courses, training periods or examinations for the purposes of equivalence recognition or a person who is completing complementary training in accordance with section 4 may engage in the activities provided for in section 3 if

- (1) the person engages in the activities in the presence of an orthopedic technician, a nurse or a physician; and
- (2) the activities engaged in are required for the purpose of completing the program or training or obtaining equivalence.

DIVISION III NURSING ASSISTANT

6. A nursing assistant may, based on a prescription, engage in the following professional activities:

- (1) apply, adjust, remove and repair a plaster or fibre-glass cast;
- (2) apply, adjust and remove splints;
- (3) adjust orthopedic appliances and ambulatory devices.

7. In order to engage in the activities referred to in section 6, a nursing assistant must successfully complete the supplementary training program “Immobilisations plâtrées pour infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires” given by a hospital centre approved by the Minister of Health and Social Services, including

- (1) 21 days of plaster cast immobilization training consisting of 9 modules, totalling 90 hours and covering theoretical concepts, learning exercises, the development of clinical laboratory skills and clinical supervision involving
 - (a) the legal framework;
 - (b) the anatomy and physiology of musculoskeletal, neurovascular and tegumentary systems;

- (c) the types of fracture;
 - (d) scarring;
 - (e) the main plaster immobilizations and splints;
 - (f) the installation and removal of plaster cast immobilizations and splints;
 - (g) orthopedic devices and ambulatory devices;
 - (h) the signs and symptoms associated to various complications and risks of plaster casts and splints;
 - (i) major recommendations to the patient;
 - (j) the role of the interdisciplinary team; and
 - (k) the documentation in the clinical record;
- (2) pass a written examination on the training elements described in subparagraph 1;
- (3) successfully apply 3 types of immobilizations selected by the hospital centre that provides the training.

A nursing assistant who successfully completes the training program referred to in the first paragraph obtains an attestation from the nursing branch of the hospital centre that provided the training.

DIVISION IV OTHER PERSONS

8. A person who, on 11 June 1980, was qualified to act as employee or orthopedic technician under the collective agreements then in force in Québec, may install, adjust, remove and repair plaster casts with an individual prescription.

9. A person to whom sections 6 and 8 do not apply and who, on 26 September 2013, engaged in one or more of the activities referred to in section 6 based on a prescription is authorized to continue to engage in the activities.

10. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting a professional activity which may be performed by an employee or an orthopedic technician (chapter M-9, r. 9).

11. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.