

## Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 43-2015, 28 January 2015**

Optometry Act  
(chapter O-7)

### **Optometric assistants — Acts that may be performed by optometric assistants**

Regulation respecting the acts that may be performed  
by optometric assistants

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 10 of the Optometry Act (chapter O-7), the board of directors of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec must, by regulation, determine among the acts contemplated by section 16 of the Act those which, under certain prescribed conditions, may be performed by classes of persons other than optometrists;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act, the Ordre des optométristes du Québec consulted the Office des professions du Québec and the Ordre des opticiens d'ordonnances du Québec before making the Regulation respecting the acts that may be performed by optometric assistants;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) and subject to sections 95.0.1 and 95.2, 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 the acts that may be performed by optometric assistants was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 11 December 2013 with a notice that it could be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Office has examined the Regulation and submitted it with its recommendation to the Government;

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 acts that may be performed by optometric assistants, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

JUAN ROBERTO IGLESIAS,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

### **Regulation respecting the acts that may be performed by optometric assistants**

Optometry Act  
(chapitre O-7, s.10, 1<sup>st</sup> ss., par. *a*)

**1.** The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the acts that may be performed by optometrists under section 16 of the Optometry Act (chapter O-7), those which, pursuant to certain prescribed conditions, may be performed by optometric assistants.

**2.** For the purposes of this regulation, “optometric assistant” means any person who is entered before 26 February 2017 in a register kept by the Ordre des optométristes du Québec after satisfying the conditions of paragraphs (1) or (2):

(1) successful completion of the following training no later than during the year preceding his entry in the register:

*a)* a training program in fitting ophthalmic eyeglasses for optometric assistants that includes a minimum of 72 hours divided up as follows:

*i.* not less than 20 hours of introductory optometric science, particularly concerning the anatomy and the physiology of the eye, refractive errors and their correction methods;

*ii.* not less than 52 hours of fitting techniques, particularly concerning the parameters necessary for the execution of an optical prescription, the taking of measurements, the adjustment and adaptation of frames, the effects of fitting on patient vision and comfort, as well as the general activities engaged in when delivering ophthalmic eyeglasses;

*b*) a comprehensive test, which comprises a theoretical component and a practical component, of the subjects taught in the training program contemplated by subparagraph *a*.

(2) acquisition of the equivalent of three years of full-time work experience under the supervision of an optometrist or a dispensing optician during the five years preceding his entry in the register and the successful completion of the test contemplated by subparagraph *b* of paragraph (1) no later than during the year preceding his entry in the register.

The Board of Directors of the Order approves a training program that meets the requirements contemplated by subparagraph *a* of paragraph (1).

**3.** Optometric assistants may perform the following acts:

(1) make the final selection of glass frames with a patient, following the instructions of an optometrist or a dispensing optician;

(2) take the measurements required for the purposes of ordering eyeglass frames or the lenses that will be inserted in them, provided these measurements are verified by an optometrist or a dispensing optician;

(3) fit eyeglass frames containing lenses, following the instructions of an optometrist or a dispensing optician;

(4) perform a basic verification of the visual and physical comfort of patients after a lens is inserted in eyeglass frames.

Whenever they perform these acts, optometric assistants must act under the supervision of an optometrist or a dispensing optician who is responsible for them and available on site to intervene with patients within a short period of time. Patients must also be informed of the identity of the responsible optometrist or dispensing optician and the possibility of consulting this professional at their request. They must also be informed of the identity of the optometric assistant.

**4.** Any person enrolled in a training program for optometric assistants or admitted to the test contemplated by section 2 may perform, pursuant to section 3, the acts that may be performed by optometric assistants, provided they are required for the purposes of completing the program or the test.

**5.** This Regulation comes into force on 26 February 2015.

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**O.C. 57-2015**, 28 January 2015

An Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1)

**Safety Code for the construction industry**  
— **Amendment**

Regulation to amend the Safety Code for the construction industry

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs 7, 8, 9, 14, 19, 41 and 42 of the first paragraph of section 223 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1), the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail may make regulations on the matters set forth therein;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of the section, the content of the regulations may vary according to the categories of persons, workers, employers, workplaces, establishments or construction sites to which they apply;

WHEREAS, under the third paragraph of the section, a regulation may refer to an approval, certification or homologation of the Bureau de normalisation du Québec or of another standardizing body;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), the draft Regulation to amend the Safety Code for the construction industry was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 9 April 2014 with a notice that it could be made by the Commission and submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Commission made the Regulation with amendments at its sitting of 20 November 2014;

WHEREAS, under section 224 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety, every draft regulation made by the Commission under section 223 of the Act must be submitted to the Government for approval;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation;

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

THAT the Regulation to amend the Safety Code for the construction industry, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

JUAN ROBERTO IGLESIAS,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*