

(2) antivirals, only for the treatment of eye herpes, according to a recognized clinical algorithm and for a maximum continuous period of 1 year.

3. Any other medication, vitamin or natural health, topical and oral product, that is not referred to in Schedule I to the Regulation respecting the terms and conditions for the sale of medications (chapter P-10, r. 12).

4. Any combination of medications, vitamins and natural health products in this Schedule is permitted subject to the restrictions provided for in the Schedule that apply to them.

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Draft Regulation

Optometry Act
(chapter O-7)

Optometrists —Standards for the issue and holding of permits

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of permits authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications and provide eye care, made by the board of directors of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec and appearing below, may be submitted to the Government for approval, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medications (chapter O-7, r. 13) and the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care (chapter O-7, r. 14). The purpose of the Regulation is to determine the standards for the issue and holding of permits authorizing optometrists to perform the activities provided for in the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist. The latter Regulation, also published as a draft Regulation in this Part, is intended to update the list of medications that an optometrist may administer and prescribe and to authorize the provision of certain eye care.

The draft Regulation has no impact on the public or on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Marco Laverdière, Executive Director and Secretary, Ordre des optométristes du Québec, 1265, rue Berri, bureau 505, Montréal (Québec) H2L 4X4; telephone: 514 499-0524 or 1 888 499-0524; fax: 514 499-1051; email: m.laverdiere@ooq.org

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean Paul Dutriscac, 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 Ordre des optométristes du Québec and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

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

Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of permits authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications and provide eye care

Optometry Act
(chapter O-7, s. 19.2)

DIVISION I ISSUE OF PERMITS

1. A permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medications for eye examination purposes and a permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care are issued to a member of the Ordre des optométristes du Québec who

(1) has submitted to the secretary of the Order an application for a permit on the form provided for that purpose;

(2) has paid the fees prescribed by the board of directors of the Order for the issue of the permit;

(3) has successfully completed, during the 4 years preceding the year of the application, under a training program offered by an educational institution that issues a diploma meeting the requirements for the permit issued by the Order or as part of another training program recognized as equivalent by the board of directors, a training period that includes a minimum of 145 hours of theoretical and clinical courses in eye health and the pharmacological treatment of certain ocular pathologies;

(4) has successfully completed training in Basic Life Support (BLS) for health care professionals of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

2. The permits referred to in section 1 are also issued to a member of the Order who meets the other conditions prescribed in that section, although the member's training has been acquired prior to the period referred to in paragraph 3 of that section or has not reached the level of training referred to in that paragraph, provided the member

(1) has successfully completed the training program provided for in section 3;

(2) holds, outside Québec, a legal authorization to administer medications for eye examination purposes and to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care following terms and conditions comparable to those covered by the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist (*insert the reference*).

3. The training program must be approved by the board of directors and it must include a minimum of 145 hours of theoretical and clinical courses in eye health and in the pharmacological treatment of certain ocular pathologies, offered by the École d'optométrie of the Université de Montréal or by another educational institution whose standards comply with those of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

DIVISION II UPGRADING PROGRAM

4. An optometrist who holds at least one of the permits referred to in section 1 must, for each reference period, update his or her knowledge by taking part in the upgrading program approved by the board of directors and provided for in section 5.

In this Division, "reference period" means any 3-year period starting on a date determined by the board of directors.

5. The upgrading program must include 30 hours of theoretical or clinical training related to the subject areas referred to in section 3.

6. In the case of an optometrist who is entered or re-entered on the roll of the Order during a reference period, the number of hours of the upgrading program is established in proportion to each month, whether complete or not, of entry during that period.

7. An optometrist who is entered on the roll of the Order as of the 30th month following the beginning of the reference period is exempted from the obligation to take part in the upgrading program for a reference period in effect.

8. Paragraph 2 of section 1 applies, with the necessary modifications, to the upgrading program referred to in this Division if it is offered by the Order.

9. The board of directors must suspend the permit referred to in section 1 where it is held by an optometrist who cannot establish that he or she has met the requirements of the upgrading program. Such suspension may not last longer than 60 days.

10. At the expiry of the period for which the permit is suspended, the board of directors must cancel the permit if the optometrist cannot establish that he or she has met the requirements of the upgrading program.

11. An optometrist whose permit has been cancelled must again meet the conditions provided for in section 1 for the issue of the permit.

DIVISION III TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

12. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medications (chapter O-7, r. 13) and the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care (chapter O-7, r. 14).

13. An optometrist who holds only the permit issued under the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer medications (chapter O-7, r. 13) is deemed to have obtained the issue of that permit pursuant to section 1.

Despite the foregoing, the optometrist must take part in the upgrading program provided for in Division II and have successfully completed the program before 1 April 2021, subject to suspension or cancellation of his or her permit pursuant to sections 9 and 10.

14. An optometrist who holds the permit issued under the Regulation respecting the standards for the issue and holding of the permit authorizing an optometrist to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care (chapter O-7, r. 14) is deemed to have obtained the issue of the permits referred to in section 1.

Despite the foregoing, the optometrist must take part in the upgrading program provided for in Division II and have successfully completed the program before 1 April 2021, subject to suspension or cancellation of his or her permits pursuant to sections 9 and 10.

Until an attestation of the Order is obtained according to which the optometrist has completed the upgrading program provided for in Division II, the optometrist may, as holder of the permit authorizing him or her to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care, perform only the acts authorized by the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist (chapter O-7, r. 11), as it read on (*insert the date that precedes the date of coming into force of the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist*).

15. An optometrist who meets the conditions of section 1, but who has completed the training program referred to in section 1 before 1 April 2018 obtains the issue of the permits referred to in that section.

Despite the foregoing, the optometrist must take part in the upgrading program provided for in Division II and have successfully completed the program before 1 April 2021, subject to suspension or cancellation of his or her permits pursuant to sections 9 and 10.

Until an attestation of the Order is obtained according to which the optometrist has completed the upgrading program provided for in Division II, the optometrist may, as holder of the permit authorizing him or her to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care, perform only the acts authorized by the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist (chapter O-7, r. 11), as it read on (*insert the date that precedes the date of coming into force of the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist*).

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

Draft Regulation

Real Estate Brokerage Act
(chapter C-73.2)

Real estate indemnity fund and determination of the professional liability insurance premium — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the Real Estate Indemnity Fund and determination of the professional liability insurance premium, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

These amendments are intended, from a public protection perspective, to increase the maximum indemnity payable out of the Real Estate Indemnity Fund to \$ 100,000 per claim in respect of fraud, fraudulent tactics or misappropriation of funds committed as of 1 January 2018 and to increase the period of eligibility for a claim to two years of knowledge of fraud, fraudulent tactics or misappropriation of funds.

This draft regulation has no impact on citizens and businesses, especially SMEs.

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