## **Draft Regulation**

Professional Code (chapter C-26)

# Professional activities that may be engaged in by persons other than hearing-aid acousticians

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by persons other than hearing-aid acousticians, as adopted by the board of directors of the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec and appearing below, is published as a draft and may be examined by the Office des professions du Québec and then submitted to the Government which may approve it, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by hearing-aid acousticians, those that, on the conditions and terms set out therein, may be engaged in by persons other than hearing-aid acousticians.

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

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Marie-Chantal Lafrenière, Director General and Secretary, Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec, 1001, rue Sherbrooke Est, bureau 820, Montréal (Québec) H2L 1L3; telephone: 514 640-5117, extension 203, or 1 866 676-5117; email: mclafreniere@ audioprothesistes.org.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Annie Lemieux, Secretary, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3; email: secretariat@opq.gouv.qc.ca. The comments may be forwarded by the Office to the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor and may also be sent to the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

#### ANNIE LEMIEUX Secretary, Office des professions du Québec

### Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by persons other than hearing-aid acousticians

Professional Code (chapter C-26, s. 94, 1st par., subpar. *h*).

**1.** The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by hearing-aid acousticians, those that may be engaged in by the following persons, on the conditions and terms set out therein:

(1) a person who is registered in a program of study leading to a diploma giving access to the permit issued by the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec;

(2) a person who is registered in a program of study leading to a diploma issued outside Québec of a level equivalent to that giving access to the permit issued by the Order and who serves a training period in Québec as part of the program of study;

(3) a person who is registered in a program of study leading to a diploma giving access to a legal authorization to practise the profession of hearing-aid acoustician referred to in the Règlement sur les autorisations légales d'exercer la profession d'audioprothésiste hors du Québec qui donnent ouverture au permis de l'Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec (chapter A-33, r. 2.1) and who serves a training period in Québec as part of the program of study;

(4) a person who is enrolled in a program of study or undergoes training or serves a training period or undergoes an examination in accordance with the Règlement sur les normes d'équivalence de diplôme et de la formation aux fins de la délivrance d'un permis de l'Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec (chapter A-33, r. 9);

(5) a person who undergoes training or serves a training period as part of the procedure for the recognition of professional competence provided for by regulation of the Order made under paragraph c.2 of section 93 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26);

(6) a person who takes a refresher course or serves a training period in accordance with a decision of the board of directors of the Order made pursuant to section 45.3 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26).

**2.** A person referred to in section 1 may engage in the professional activities that may be engaged in by hearing-aid acousticians, except the sale of hearing aids, when the following conditions are met:

(1) the person is duly registered in the register held for that purpose by the Order;

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(2) the person engages in the activities as part of a program of study, training, a training period, an examination or a course referred to in section 1;

(3) the person engages in the activities under the direct and constant supervision of a hearing-aid acoustician who is in charge of the supervision;

(4) the person engages in the activities in compliance with the standards applicable to hearing-aid acousticians, including those relating to ethics and the keeping of records and consulting offices.

**3.** A hearing-aid acoustician who acts as supervisor in accordance with paragraph 3 of section 2 must meet the following conditions:

(1) have been practising the profession of hearing-aid acoustician for at least 5 years;

(2) have not been the subject, in the 5 years preceding the supervision,

(*a*) of a decision of a disciplinary council of an order or of the Professions Tribunal that imposed a sanction; or

(b) of a decision by a board of directors imposing a refresher training period or course, a restriction or suspension of the right to engage in professional activities, the striking off the roll of the Order or the revocation of the permit.

**4.** 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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