

Regulation respecting the standards for diploma or training equivalence for issuance of a permit by the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec.

(R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 93, par. c)

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. The secretary of the Order shall forward a copy of this regulation to a candidate who wishes to obtain recognition of the equivalence of a diploma awarded by an educational establishment outside Quebec or the equivalence of training for purpose of obtaining a permit from the Order.

2. In this regulation,

(1) «diploma equivalence» means recognition by the Conseil d'administration of the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec that a diploma awarded by an educational establishment outside Quebec certifies that the candidate's level of knowledge and skills is equivalent to that of the holder of a diploma recognized as giving access to a permit issued by the Order.

(2) « trainingequivalence» means recognition by the Conseil d'administration of the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec that a candidate's training has permitted the candidate to attain a level of knowledge and skills equivalent to that of the holder of a diploma recognized as giving access to a permit issued by the Order.

DIVISION II DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCE STANDARDS

3. A candidate who holds a diploma awarded by an educational establishment outside Quebec is granted diploma equivalence if the diploma was obtained upon completion of college-level studies comprising at least 2,775 hours, or the equivalent, of learning activities, including 2,115 hours of training specific to this area of specialization and apportioned as follows :

(1) at least 240 hours in subjects dealing with human biology, human anatomy, chemistry, biochemistry and physiology ;

(2) at least 795 hours in subjects directly relating to professional training in respiratory therapy, comprising

(a) 244 hours in respiratory care, including instrumentation, pharmacology, pathology and respiratory therapy ;

(b) 271 hours in critical and emergency care, including instrumentation, mechanical ventilation, haemodynamics, gas exchange, pharmacology and pathology ;

(c) 90 hours in anaesthesia assistance, including instrumentation, pharmacology, and methodology and procedure related to anaesthesiology ;

(d) 126 hours in diagnostic testing, including cardiology and pulmonary function ;

(3) supervised clinical training sessions in respiratory therapy, including at least 250 hours in anaesthesia assistance.

The candidate must also have passed a program synthesis test at the end of the study program demonstrating the integration of knowledge acquired.

4. Notwithstanding section 3, where the diploma that is the subject of the application for equivalence was obtained more than 3 years prior to the application and the candidate has not practised or has ceased to practise during this period, the equivalence shall be refused if the knowledge acquired by the candidate no longer corresponds, taking into account developments in the profession, to the knowledge that is imparted, at the time of the application, in a program of studies leading to a diploma recognized under government regulations as giving access to a permit.

however, equivalence shall be granted if the candidate's relevant work experience and training acquired since the diploma was awarded have allowed the candidate to reach the required level of knowledge.

DIVISION III

TRAINING EQUIVALENCE STANDARDS

5. A candidate is granted training equivalence where the candidate demonstrates theoretical and practical knowledge and skills equivalent to those acquired by the holder of a diploma recognized under the first paragraph of section 184 of the *Professional Code* (R.S.Q., c. C-26).
6. Notwithstanding section 5, where the training that is the subject of the application for equivalence was completed more than 3 years before the application and the candidate has not practised or has ceased to practise during this period, the equivalence shall be refused if the knowledge and skills acquired by the candidate no longer correspond, taking into account developments in the profession, to the knowledge and skills that, at the time of the application, are accumulated following a program of studies leading to a diploma recognized by government regulation as giving access to a permit.
7. In assessing the training equivalence of a candidate, the Conseil d'administration of the Order shall take into account all the following factors :
 - (1) the nature and the number of the years of the candidate's experience ;
 - (2) the fact that the candidate holds one or more diplomas ;
 - (3) the nature and content of courses taken ;
 - (4) completed supervised clinical training sessions in respiratory therapy ;
 - (5) total number of years of schooling.

DIVISION IV

EQUIVALENCE OR TRAINING RECOGNITION PROCEDURE

8. A candidate who wishes to obtain the recognition of diploma or training equivalence must apply in writing and provide the secretary with the following supporting documents and information, together with the fees required under paragraph 8 of section 86.0.1 of the *Professionnal Code* (R.S.Q.,c. C-26) :
 - (1) academic record, including a description of courses taken, the number of credits or units and related hours, and results obtained ;
 - (2) certified true copies of diploma awarded ;
 - (3) a document attesting to participation in and successful completion of all clinical training sessions in respiratory therapy ;
 - (4) a document attesting to and describing relevant work experience in the field of respiratory therapy ;
 - (5) if applicable, a document attesting to participation in continuing training or refresher activities in the fiels of respiratory therapy since graduation.
9. Documents in a language other than English or French submitted in support of an application must be accompanied by a translation into English or French that is certified by a swom statement by the translator and attached to the original.
10. The person designated by the Conseil d'administration to apply this regulation shall examine applications for recognition of diploma or training equivalence and shall make the appropriate recommendations to the Conseil d'administration.
11. In deciding on a candidate's application for equivalence, the Conseil d'administration may, at its first meeting following receipt of a recommendation.
 - (1) recognize the candidate's diploma or training equivalence ;
 - (2) recognize the candidate's training equivalence in part and inform the candidate that to obtain equivalence, one or more of the following conditions must be met ;
 - (a) passing of a examination set by the Conseil d'administration ;
 - (b) successful completion of a program of studies determinaned by the Conseil d'administration ;
 - (c) successful completion of training sessions ;
 - (3) refuse to recognize the candidate's diploma or training equivalence.
12. If the Conseil d'administration recognizes the equivalence, it shall inform the candidate, in writing, within 15 days following its decision.

If the Conseil d'administration recognizes the equivalence in part, or rejects it, it shall inform the candidate, in writing, within 15 days following its décision, indicating the number of hours and the learning activities that are missing or do not meet the requirements of section 3 and, as the case may be, the possibility of study programs,

training sessions, or examinations, the successful completion of which, given the candidate's level of knowledge, would allow the candidate to receive the equivalence.

13. A candidate who is informed of the Conseil d'administration's decision not to recognize the equivalence requested or to recognize it in part only may apply for review by a review committee. The review committee is formed by the Conseil d'administration pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the *Professional Code*. No person contemplated in section 10 hereof and no member of the Conseil d'administration may form part of the review committee.

The candidate must apply for revision in writing to the secretary of the Order within 30 days of receipt of the decision. He may submit written representations to the review committee with his application for review.

The candidate may also, in his application, ask to be present to submit his observations when the review committee meets to consider his application for review. In that case, the secretary must inform the candidate of the date of the meeting by notice sent by registered mail not less than 15 days before the date of the meeting.

The review committee has 60 days from the date of receipt of the application for review to arrive at a decision. The decision of the review committee is final and must be sent to the candidate in writing by registered mail within 30 days after the date of the decision.

14. This regulation replaces the *Regulation respecting the standards for equivalence of diplomas awarded by educational establishments outside Quebec for issue of a permit of the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec*, approved by Order in Council 1145-93 dated August 18, 1993.
15. This regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.