

**REGULATION RESPECTING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE NECESSARY TO  
OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**

Charte de la langue française  
(L.R.Q., c. C-11 a.35 à 39)

1. In this Regulation, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and expressions mean:
  - a) "Act": the Charter of the French language (1977);
  - b) "Minister": the Minister designated under section 230 of the Act;
  - c) "Office": the Office de la langue française
  - d) "Office des professions": the Office des professions du Québec.
2. For the purposes of sections 35 to 39 of the Act, a person is considered to have knowledge of the official language appropriate to the practice of a given profession if he meets one of the following requirements:
  - a) If he proves to the satisfaction of the professional corporation that he has taken at least three years of full time instruction given in French, at the secondary level or later;
  - b) if he is the holder of the certificate contemplated in section 8 of this Regulation;
  - c) if he is the holder of a certificate issued by the Régie de la langue française in accordance with the Regulation respecting a working knowledge of the French language necessary to obtain a permit from a professional corporation, made under section 21 of the Official Language Act (1974, c. 6);
  - d) if he had, prior to the coming into force of this Regulation, obtained a document certifying that he has a working knowledge of the French language issued in accordance with the Regulation concerning standards for evaluating the working knowledge of French of an immigrant wishing to be admitted to the study or the practice of a profession in Québec, made under section 4 of the Professional Matriculation Act (R.S.Q., 1964, c. 246).
3. A committee shall prepare the standardized tests used to evaluate the knowledge of the official language appropriate to the practice of a profession.

This knowledge shall be evaluated in relation to five criteria:

- a) oral French comprehension;
- b) written French comprehension;
- c) oral French expression;
- d) written French expression;
- e) knowledge of and ability to use the French terminology of the profession.

The committee contemplated in the first paragraph of this section shall be composed of three members, one of whom is designated by the Office, one by the Office des professions and one by the Minister.

4. The Office shall provide for the holding of examinations at least six times a year at the places and on the dates it shall fix.
5. A person who wishes to take an examination must apply to the Office which shall notify him of the date, hour and place of the examination.
6. Each examination sitting shall be presided over by a person designated by the Office. Two other persons may also be present, one designated by the Office des professions the other by the Minister.

7. When a person sits the examination, the Office shall notify him of the result within two weeks, and at the same time notify the Office des professions, the Minister and the professional corporation.
8. If the person passes the examination, the Office shall issue him a certificate to that effect.
9. If the person fails the examination, he may, in the month following receipt of the result, make a written request to the Office for a review of his examination. He must wait three months before sitting another examination.
10. For such review, the Office shall establish a committee of three, two of whom are from the service responsible for administering the examinations and the third from outside that service. The committee must deal with the request for review within two weeks following its receipt.

The Office shall immediately inform the person concerned in writing of the committee's decision.

Subject to section 9, a person may sit an examination as often as he wishes.