



## GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUE OF A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION

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### Legislative provision

As provided for in Section 42.4 of the *Professional Code*: “[...], the board of directors may issue a special authorization granting a person legally authorized to practise the profession outside Québec the right to use a title reserved for members of the order in Québec or to engage in Québec in professional activities reserved to them in Québec.

A special authorization is valid only for the activities or the title it specifies. Moreover, it must specify the person or group of persons for whom the activities may be engaged in, as well as any other applicable condition or restriction. It is valid for a period not exceeding one year and is renewable. [...]”.

### Requirements

- have a Doctor of Medicine degree from a medical school listed in the *International Medical Education Directory* (IMED) published by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) or in the *World Directory of Medical Schools*;
- be legally authorized to practice the medical profession outside Québec (have a permit/license) and be in good standing with the licensing body;
- be invited by a health care institution, university or other organization to learn or teach medical activities; **OR**
- be invited by a health care institution, university or other organization to practice on an ad hoc basis with a specific person or group of people.

When a physician is invited to come to Québec to provide care or other services to the public, the preferred pathway is the permit. For a person who already had a permit to practice in Québec, reinstatement on the roll of the order must be favored.

### Practice rights

- a person who holds a special authorization is not a member of the Collège des médecins du Québec. Medical practice is restricted to the terms and conditions set out in the special authorization;
- to practice the medical activities set out in the special authorization at the site or with the people mentioned on the dates specified in the special authorization in accordance with the standards applicable to physicians, specifically those for ethics and professional secrecy;
- write medical prescriptions to be filled in the institution where the activities are authorized.

**A special authorization DOES NOT give the person the right to**

- practice medicine at other sites or with people other than those mentioned in the special authorization;
- write medical prescriptions that must be filled outside the health care institution;
- bill the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec;
- sign certain medical documents, such as death certificates, reports that conclude that confinement (secure inpatient treatment) is required, insurance forms, forms for the CNESST (formerly the CSST), the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec or for any other agency acting as a third-party payer;
- have hospital-based practice recognized as a training period in order to obtain a permit to practice medicine in Québec and a specialist's certificate for Québec.

A special authorization cannot be a substitute for the permit to practice, restrictive permits issued to selected professors nor for training cards issued to fellows undergoing further training.

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