

Application for Equivalence in Midwifery as Part of the Arrangement Between Québec and France (Mutual Recognition Arrangement [MRA]) *Progress of Your Application and Fees*

To submit an equivalence application to the Ordre des sages-femmes du Québec (OSFQ) as part of the mutual recognition arrangement (MRA):

1. You must submit the application in writing and open a file at the OSFQ.
2. You must send in all the documents required for the evaluation of your application (see the document checklist).
3. You must pay the fee to open a file (\$150 + tax [GST and QST] = \$172.46).*

A person responsible for assessing applications at the OSFQ will then contact you by email to let you know if your file is complete or if any documents are missing.

As soon as your file is complete, you will receive notification to attend an information session. This session is held three times a year and focuses on:

- midwifery in Québec;
- the bridging program offered at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) called the *Certificat personnalisé en pratique sage-femme au Québec* [personalized certificate in midwifery in Québec].

4. Following this information session, you must pay the file assessment fee (\$515 + tax [GST and QST] = \$592.12).*

The application file assessment by the Admissions Committee consists in:

- the verification of your documents;
- the evaluation of your work experience and professional development activities.

In certain situations, an interview may round out the assessment. This enables the Committee to gain a better appreciation of your file.

5. Following the Admissions Committee's recommendations, the OSFQ will render a decision concerning the appropriate compensatory measures for your situation, according to the terms of the MRA. The three types are listed below.

a) The *Certificat personnalisé en pratique sage-femme au Québec*

Offered at the UQTR, it includes 3 months of theoretical training activities and a 15-week internship. You may be asked to participate in an additional internship, as needed. You will find all the necessary information about this program, in French only, at the following address: https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/pgmw001?owa_cd_pgm=4002.

* Please note that these fees are non-refundable.

Please note that the university fees for this program amount to approximately \$3000 and are payable to the UQTR.

The MRA bridging program

This 6-month university program offered at the UQTR includes certain courses from the *Certificat personnalisé en pratique sage-femme au Québec*, as well as a 12-week internship. You may be asked to participate in an additional internship, as needed. You will find all the necessary information about this program, in French only, at the following address: https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/pgmw001?owa_cd_pgm=4002.

Please note that the university fees for this program amount to approximately \$3000 and are payable to the UQTR.

b) Clinical observation internship and theory assimilation activities

This measure is reserved for certain candidates whose midwife practice has been recognized by the Admissions Committee as comparable to that seen in Québec, including continuity of care (or comprehensive care).

- Supervised clinical internship organization costs: \$215 + tax (GST and QST)*
- Internship supervision costs: \$115 per week + tax (GST and QST)*

6. By successfully completing these compensatory measures, you will be eligible to receive a midwifery permit from the OSFQ.

In the case of a clinical observation internship, you may receive a 6-month temporary restricted permit. During this period, you must have a reference midwife who will evaluate you in accordance with the *Référentiel d'activité professionnelle lié à l'exercice de la profession de sage-femme au Québec* [reference document for professional activities related to the practice of midwifery in Québec]. Afterward, you may obtain a permit, or your restricted permit may be extended.

7. You can then register on the Roll of Members of the OSFQ and practise in Québec.

This involves paying annual membership fees to the OSFQ.

Any person who wishes to use the title of midwife and engage in the professional activities reserved for midwives must have a permit from the OSFQ and be registered on the Roll of Members.

* Please note that these fees are non-refundable.

Immigration status

Please note that the MRA is a measure that was adopted to ensure the recognition of the midwife diploma that you obtained in France. The steps that you must take with regard to immigration in order to work in Québec are your responsibility. They are not part of this arrangement and lie outside the OSFQ's jurisdiction. Consult Immigration-Québec for more information. You should also be aware that the UQTR, which offers the compensatory measures programs, now requires student midwives to be **permanent residents of Québec** when they enter one of these programs.

Request for review

Once you have been informed of the result of your equivalence application process, you may ask that the decision be reviewed, within 30 days of receipt, by submitting a written request to the secretary of the OSFQ. The Equivalence Review Committee will inform you of the date on which it will meet to discuss your file and of your right to share your observations in person or in writing.