

Midwifery Diploma and Training Equivalence Application

Progress of Your Application and Fees

To submit a diploma and training equivalence application to the Ordre des sages-femmes du Québec (OSFQ):

1. You must submit the application in writing and open a file at the OSFQ.
2. You must send in all the requested 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 (\$565 + tax [GST and QST] = \$649.61).*

The equivalence application file assessment by the Admissions Committee consists in:

- the evaluation of your documents;
- the assessment of your midwifery diploma and academic record;
- 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 one of the decisions below and inform you in writing.

a) Recognition of diploma or training equivalence

The OSFQ will issue you a permit to practise midwifery.

b) Recognition of partial training equivalence

The OSFQ will notify you in writing of its recommendation to register in the bridging program, successful completion of which will enable you to benefit from full training equivalence.

* Please note that these fees are non-refundable.

This 6-month program, the *Certificat personnalisé en pratique sage-femme au Québec*, offered at the UQTR, 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 the university fees for this program amount to approximately \$3000 and are payable to the UQTR.

c) Refusal of recognition of diploma or training equivalence

To practise midwifery in Québec, you will have to register in the 4-year bachelor's degree program in midwifery at the UQTR.

6. Following successful completion of the *Certificat personnalisé en pratique sage-femme au Québec* or the bachelor's degree in midwifery, the OSFQ will issue you a permit to practise midwifery in Québec.
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.

Immigration status

Please note that the UQTR, which offers the bridging program, now requires student midwives to be **permanent residents of Québec** when they enter this program.

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.