

DENTAL HYGIENIST IN ANOTHER PROVINCE OR TERRITORY OF CANADA

In Québec, dental hygienist is a profession with a reserved title governed by the *Professional Code* and other regulations. To practise the profession of dental hygienist in the province, you must:

- hold a permit issued by the Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec; and
- be registered on the official roll of members.

This section is intended for candidates with the legal authority to practise the profession of dental hygienist in another province or territory of Canada.

These candidates can apply for a permit to practise in Québec under an accelerated procedure, also called “permit on permit,” pursuant to the [Règlement sur les autorisations légales d’exercer la profession d’hygiéniste dentaire hors du Québec qui donne droit au permis de l’Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec](#).

Here are the steps to follow:

1. Fill the appropriate application form

The application form is available in both French and English on the OHDQ’s Website.

Please attach the following documents to the duly completed form:

- Copy of two (2) pieces of ID from among the following:
 - Birth certificate, passport, driver’s license, health insurance card
- A digital passport-sized photo
- Copy of your dental hygiene diploma
- Copy of your official transcript for your dental hygiene program
- Proof of appropriate knowledge of French (see below)

Send the duly completed form and all requested documents to the registrar’s office by mail or e-mail **at the** following address:

Secrétariat de l’Ordre
Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec
606, rue Cathcart, bureau 700
Montréal (Québec) H3B 1K9
permis@ohdq.com

2. Provide proof of legal authority to practise in another province or territory of Canada

To prove that you have the legal authority to practise the profession of dental hygienist elsewhere in Canada, you must authorize the organization governing the profession in the province or territory concerned to send your information directly to the Ordre.

Follow the steps below:

- fill out the authorization in Section I of Appendix of the form and submit it to the organization governing the profession in the province or territory where you are authorized to practise.
- the latter must then fill out the certificate of professional conduct in Section II and provide all requested information about you.
- the certificate of professional conduct must also be sent to the Ordre **directly** by the organization governing the profession in the province or territory where you are authorized to practise.

3. Pay the fees related to an application for a permit and registration on the official roll

The fees that apply for a permit and registration on the official roll of members will vary according to the date on which you are registered as a member, due to a variation in the professional liability insurance premium amount, as follows:

	FOR YEAR 2021-2022 (Applicable from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)		
	April, May, June, July, August, September 2021	October, November, December 2021, January, February 2022	March 2022
Fees for issuance of a permit	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$165.00
GST applicable on these fees	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25
QST applicable on these fees	\$16.46	\$16.46	\$16.46
OHDQ membership (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)	\$376.53	\$376.53	\$376.53
GST applicable on membership dues	\$18.83	\$18.83	\$18.83
QST applicable on membership dues	\$37.56	\$37.56	\$37.56
Contribution to the Office des professions du Québec	\$29.00	\$29.00	\$29.00
Professional liability insurance	\$7.31	\$3.66	\$0.00
Total amount payable	\$658.94	\$655.29	\$651.63

**Make sure you determine
the situation that applies to you**
Depending on whether you registered in:

GST number: 10698 6011 RP

QST number: 1 006 163 498

Payment can be made by Visa or MasterCard, in the designated section of the form, or by certified cheque or money order. Personal cheques are not accepted.

An additional condition is imposed on candidates under the *Charter of the French language* (CQLR, c. C-11):

4. Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of French for the practice of the profession

Under Section 35 of the *Charter of the French language*, professional orders shall not issue permits to people whose knowledge of French is not appropriate to the practice of their profession.

A person is deemed to have the appropriate knowledge if:

- 1) they have received no less than three years of full-time secondary or post-secondary instruction provided in French;
- 2) they have passed the fourth or fifth year secondary level examinations in French as the first language; or
- 3) they have obtained, starting from the 1985-86 school year, a secondary school diploma in Québec.

If one of these situations applies to you, you must attach a copy of the appropriate supporting document to your application.

If none of these situations applies to you, you will need to obtain an attestation of knowledge of French from the Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF).

For more information about this attestation and to consult the schedule of French exams, see [Service de l'évaluation du français pour les ordres professionnels](#) on the OQLF website.

TEMPORARY PERMITS

If at the time of your application you do not meet the conditions of the *Charter of the French Language* with respect to your knowledge of French, the Ordre may issue you a temporary permit valid for not more than one (1) year, renewable three (3) times.

ATTENTION: If you have a dental hygiene diploma issued by an English educational institution in Québec, you are not eligible for a temporary permit. You must obtain an attestation of knowledge of French from the OQLF.

5. Restorative dentistry

In Québec, the college dental hygiene program includes theoretical and practical aspects of restorative dentistry; however, this is not the case in all Canadian provinces and territories.

If your dental hygiene program did not include at least forty-five (45) hours of theory and thirty (30) hours of practical training in restorative dentistry, you will have to refrain from all professional activities related to restorative dentistry.

In fact, the [Code of ethics of members of the Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec](#) stipulates that dental hygienists shall bear in mind the limitations on their skills, their knowledge and the means at their disposal in the practice of their profession.

6. Processing of the application

The committee issuing permits (Comité de délivrance des permis) is mandated by the OHDQ's board of directors to decide on applications to practise the profession. It meets every two weeks to examine applications.

If we do not receive the original copy of your duly completed certificate of professional conduct (Appendix A), no application will be submitted to the committee, in accordance with the [Règlement sur les autorisations légales d'exercer la profession d'hygiéniste dentaire hors du Québec qui donne droit au permis de l'Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec](#).

7. Permit confirmation

You will receive an email confirmation on the same day as your permit number is issued. Until then, please refrain from contacting the Ordre to enquire about the status of your application. This email will be proof of the issuance of your permit and of your registration on the official roll.

Before receiving your permit number and confirmation of your registration, you may not practise any reserved activities or use the title "dental hygienist" or the initials "D.H." Any violation of this rule is subject to criminal prosecution for usurpation of title or illegal practice of the profession.

In Québec, dental hygienist is a profession with a reserved title governed by the *Professional Code* and other regulations. In order to practise reserved activities, or to use the title of dental hygienist or the initials reserved for members of the Ordre, a person must hold a permit issued by the Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec (OHDQ) and be registered annually as a member on its official roll of members.

8. Commissaire à l'admission aux professions

The Commissaire à l'admission aux professions offers a free recourse to those who experience dissatisfaction or any problem with a professional ordre or any other body regarding their admitting process or permit issuance.

[More information](#)