France-Québec Agreement
on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

Common procedure
for the recognition of professional qualifications (diagram)

Overall examination of qualifications by competent authorities
Québec ↔ France

Overall examination of fields of practice

Overall examination of formal qualifications
or apprenticeship program

Assessment

Step 1

Step 2

Fields of practice and formal qualifications deemed equivalent overall

Substantial differences in the fields of practice and/or formal qualifications

Fields of practice and formal qualifications deemed incompatible

Conditions for Recognition

Recognition of professional qualifications

Sufficient professional experience may compensate for differences in training

Compensatory measures may be called for: preferably an adaptation period or, if required, an aptitude test. Additional training when necessary for public health and safety reasons

No recognition of professional qualifications

The applicant must enrol in a program of study leading to a qualification

Step 3

The competent authorities issue an authorization to practice that is subject to the same conditions as those required of individuals practicing a regulated profession or trade in the territory of the receiving party