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Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2023

Order 2023-006 of the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration dated 15 December 2023

Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1)

Regulation to amend the Immigration Procedure

THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, FRANCIZATION AND INTEGRATION,

Considering section 41 of the Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1), which provides that the conditions relating to the filing of any application made under the Act are determined by ministerial regulation;

Considering the first paragraph of section 104 of the Act, which provides that a regulation made under section 41 is not subject to the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and, despite section 17 of that Act, comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or any later date set in the regulation;

Considering that it is expedient to make the Regulation;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Immigration Procedure, attached to this Order, be made.

Montréal, 15 December 2023

CHRISTINE FRÉCHETTE
Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration

Regulation to amend the Immigration Procedure

Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1, ss. 41 and 104)

1. The Immigration Procedure Regulation (chapter I-0.2.1, r. 5), as amended by section 3 of the Regulation to amend various provisions relating to immigration (M.O. 2023-002, 2023-11-08), is further amended in section 1 by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The following applications must be filed through the website made available for that purpose by the Minister:

- (1) an application for selection filed pursuant to one of the following programs:
 - (a) international student program;
 - (b) temporary foreign worker program;
 - (c) Québec experience program;
 - (d) regular skilled worker program;
 - (e) any permanent immigration pilot program; or
- (f) any program referred to in section 118.15 of the Québec Immigration Regulation (chapter I-0.2.1, r. 3);
- (2) an application for an undertaking filed pursuant to the program for refugees abroad (Collective sponsorship); and
- (3) an application for the assessment of an employment offer's impact on Québec's labour market or an application for the validation of an employment offer.

The second paragraph does not apply to an application for selection filed pursuant to the temporary foreign worker program to work in the agriculture sector or to offer home care.".

- **2.** Section 1.1, as amended by section 4 of the Regulation to amend various provisions relating to immigration, is further amended
- (1) by replacing "a program referred to in the second paragraph of section 1" in the first paragraph by "referred to in the second paragraph of section 1"; and
- (2) by inserting "Despite the first paragraph," at the beginning of the second paragraph.
- **3.** Section 3 of the Regulation to amend various provisions relating to immigration is amended by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:
- "(1) replacing "regular skilled worker" in subparagraph *d* of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "skilled worker selection";".
- **4.** This Regulation comes into force on 22 January 2024.

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Draft Regulations

Draft Regulation

Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2)

Automotive services industry – Arthabaska, Granby, Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 5 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2), that the Minister has been petitioned by the contracting parties to amend the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Arthabaska, Granby, Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines regions (chapter D-2, r. 6) and, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Decree to amend the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Arthabaska, Granby, Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines regions, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Decree is mainly to increase the minimum hourly wage rates provided for in the Decree.

The regulatory impact analysis shows that those amendments will have a moderate impact on the enterprises subject to the Decree.

Further information concerning the draft Decree may be obtained by contacting Karine Lajeunesse, policy development advisor, Direction des politiques du travail, Ministère du Travail, 425, rue Jacques-Parizeau, 5° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1; telephone: 581 628-8934, extension 80211 or 1 888-628-8934, extension 80211 (toll free); email: karine.lajeunesse@travail.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Decree is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Labour, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1; email: ministre@travail.gouv.qc.ca.

JEAN BOULET
Minister of Labour

Decree to amend the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Arthabaska, Granby, Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines regions

Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2, s. 4, 1st par., s. 6, 1st par. and s. 6.1, 1st par.)

1. Section 9.01 of the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Arthabaska, Granby, Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines regions (chapter D-2, r. 6) is replaced by the following:

"9.01. The minimum hourly wage rates are as follows:

Trades	As of (indicate the date of coming into force of this Decree)	As of 1 January 2025	As of 1 January 2026
Apprentice:			
1st year	\$19.40	\$19.98	\$20.78
2nd year	\$20.70	\$21.32	\$22.18
3rd year	\$22.14	\$22.80	\$23.71
4th year	\$23.24	\$23.94	\$24.90
Journeyman:			
A	\$31.45	\$32.39	\$33.69
В	\$28.00	\$28.84	\$29.99
C	\$26.56	\$27.35	\$28.45

Trades	As of (indicate the date of coming into force of this Decree)	As of 1 January 2025	As of 1 January 2026
Parts clerk:			
1st year	\$17.94	\$18.48	\$19.22
2nd year	\$19.07	\$19.65	\$20.43
3rd year	\$20.35	\$20.96	\$21.80
4th year	\$21.45	\$22.09	\$22.97
A	\$23.56	\$24.27	\$25.24
В	\$24.72	\$25.46	\$26.48
С	\$27.11	\$27.92	\$29.04
Messenger:	\$16.67	\$17.17	\$17.85
Dismantler:			
1st grade	\$17.80	\$18.33	\$19.06
2nd grade	\$18.95	\$19.52	\$20.30
3rd grade	\$20.08	\$20.68	\$21.51
Washer:	\$17.72	\$18.25	\$18.98
Semiskilled worker:			
1st grade	\$17.80	\$18.27	\$19.00
2nd grade	\$18.95	\$19.52	\$20.30
3rd grade	\$20.08	\$20.68	\$21.51
4th grade	\$21.93	\$22.59	\$23.49
Serviceman:			
1st grade	\$17.81	\$18.43	\$19.08
2nd grade	\$18.96	\$19.53	\$20.31
3rd grade	\$20.10	\$20.71	\$21.53
4th grade	\$21.26	\$21.89	\$22.77
5th grade	\$22.86	\$23.55	\$24.49
6th grade	\$24.44	\$25.18	\$26.18
Suspension specialist:			
1st grade	\$18.80	\$19.37	\$20.14
2nd grade	\$20.50	\$21.11	\$21.96
3rd grade	\$22.14	\$22.80	\$23.71
4th grade	\$23.24	\$23.94	\$24.90
5th grade	\$24.41	\$25.14	\$26.15
6th grade	\$25.87	\$26.64	\$27.71
7th grade	\$27.54	\$28.36	\$29.50

Trades	As of (indicate the date of coming into force of this Decree)	As of 1 January 2025	As of 1 January 2026
Parts assembler:			
1st grade	\$17.80	\$18.33	\$19.06
2nd grade	\$18.95	\$19.52	\$20.30
3rd grade	\$20.08	\$20.68	\$21.51
4th grade	\$21.26	\$21.89	\$22.77
5th grade	\$22.98	\$23.67	\$24.62
6th grade	\$24.92	\$25.66	\$26.69
7th grade	\$26.54	\$27.31	\$28.36
Vendor of tires and wheels:			
1st grade	\$18.11	\$18.66	\$19.40
2nd grade	\$19.26	\$19.83	\$20.63
3rd grade	\$20.54	\$21.16	\$22.01
4th grade	\$21.65	\$22.30	\$23.19
5th grade	\$22.86	\$23.55	\$24.49
6th grade	\$24.19	\$24.92	\$25.92
7th grade	\$24.98	\$25.73	\$26.76

- **2.** Section 9.01.1 is amended by replacing "\$0.50" by "\$1.00".
- **3.** Section 12.02 is replaced by the following:

"12.02. For the holders of brake, chassis or differential specialist cards issued before 14 December 2011, the advancement in step is maintained and the minimum hourly wage rate is that provided for a suspension specialist.

In addition, for the holders of machinist, electrician, radiator specialist and automatic transmission specialist cards issued before 24 June 2021, the employee's advancement in step is maintained and the minimum hourly wage rate is, as the case may be, the same as that of an apprentice or a journeyman."

- **4.** Section 14.01 is amended by replacing "2023" wherever it appears by "2026".
- **5.** This Decree comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Decisions

Decision

Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2)

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities concerning the counting of advance poll ballots during the by-election in l'Île-Bizard-Sainte-Geneviève borough of the City of Montréal

WHEREAS a by-election for the position of mayor will take place on December 17, 2023, in L'Île-Bizard-Sainte-Geneviève borough of the City of Montréal;

WHEREAS section 185 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (CQLR, chapter E-2.2) provides that the deputy returning officer, assisted by the poll clerk, shall proceed with the counting of the advance poll ballot papers beginning at 8:00 p.m. on polling day;

WHEREAS section 229 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities provides that the deputy returning officer, assisted by the poll clerk, shall proceed with the counting of the votes after the close of the poll;

WHEREAS according to the current provisions of section 185 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the counting of the advance poll ballot papers may not begin before 8:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS the returning officer of the City of Montréal a indiqué that the counting of advance poll ballots risks being significantly delayed due to the high number of electors who exercised their advance right to vote;

WHEREAS section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he finds that, as a result of an exceptional circumstance, the provision does not meet the demands of the resultant situation:

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has first informed the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the decision he intends to make; The Chief Electoral Officer, by the powers given to him under section 90.5 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, has decided to adapt section 185 of this Act as follows:

- 1. The preamble is integral to this decision;
- 2. The returning officer of the City of Montréal is authorized, on polling day, to count the advance poll ballot papers beginning at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to the specific directives set out in this decision;
- 3. It is imperative that the people present in the counting room remain there until closing of the polls even if the ballots are all already counted;
- 4. The returning officer must take all necessary measures to ensure these people have no contact with the outside before the polls close, to ensure there is no disclosure of results:
 - 5. To this end, the returning officer must:
- a) Arrange a closed-door location with no disruptions or traffic, which cannot be located on the same premises as a polling station;
- b) Ensure that no one present uses a mobile device or other means of communication:
- c) Have all people present (deputy returning officers, poll clerks, representatives) swear the following oath:
- "I, (first name and last name), do solemnly swear that I will not divulge the results of the advance polls to anyone before the closing of the polls.";
- 6. The returning officer shall notify each recognized party or team and each independent candidate of this decision, as the case may be.

This decision shall take effect from the date of signing.

Québec, 13 December 2023

Jean-François Blanchet Chief Electoral Officer

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