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3RD SESSION

43RD LEGISLATURE

QUÉBEC, 11 JUNE 2026

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Québec, 11 June 2026

This day, at seven o'clock in the evening, Her Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to assent to the following bill:

4 An Act respecting the communication of information for the purpose of protecting against intimate partner violence, and amending various legislative provisions

To this bill the Royal assent was affixed by Her Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

THIRD SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 4
(2026, chapter 14)

An Act respecting the communication of information for the purpose of protecting against intimate partner violence, and amending various legislative provisions

Introduced 13 May 2026
Passed in principle 4 June 2026
Passed 11 June 2026
Assented to 11 June 2026

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The main purpose of this Act is to allow the communication of information concerning an intimate partner who could pose a risk to the safety of a person or the person's child.

The Act provides that a person at risk, namely a person who has concerns about the risk that an intimate partner may pose, may make an application for information or consent to another person making the application on their behalf. It provides that a minor 14 years of age or over may make an application alone. It also allows the Government to determine, by regulation, the persons or categories of persons who may make an application for information concerning the intimate partner of a person at risk.

The Act allows a member of a police force or a person working within a body that offers prevention, assistance and support services who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person at risk could benefit from the communication of information to provide the person at risk with information on the process for making an application for information that concerns an intimate partner. It also allows a member of a police force, in the same circumstances, to disclose information to the person at risk on the identity of the intimate partner in respect of whom the application could be made.

The Act provides that the application for information must be sent to the Sûreté du Québec, which searches for the information that concerns the intimate partner. The Sûreté du Québec then communicates to a body, designated by the minister responsible for the status of women on the recommendation of the Minister of Domestic Security, the information necessary to enable the person at risk to make an informed decision regarding their relationship, take the measures they consider appropriate to ensure their safety or that of their child or establish protection scenarios.

The Act provides that a person who is designated by the body and who meets the conditions determined by government regulation is to meet with the person at risk to communicate that information orally or to inform them that no necessary information was identified. The Act provides, in particular, that the designated person may provide the person at risk with various information to assist them and may refer the person at risk to resources specializing in interventions adapted to their needs.

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The Act also sets out restrictions with respect to the communication to the intimate partner of the existence of an application or of certain personal information concerning them as well as to the communication and use of the information received. It grants immunity to certain persons for an act performed or omitted in good faith in the exercise of their functions and it prohibits them from being compelled to make a deposition in judicial proceedings.

The Act amends the Act respecting the Québec correctional system in order to review certain provisions relating to the communication, to persons who are victims, of information that concerns persons entrusted to the correctional services.

Lastly, the Act contains penal and final provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (chapter M-19.3);

– Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1).

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Bill 4

AN ACT RESPECTING THE COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING AGAINST INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, AND AMENDING VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION I

PURPOSE AND INTERPRETATION

1. The purpose of this Act is to allow the communication of information concerning an intimate partner who could pose a risk to the safety of a person or the person's child so as to enable that person to make an informed decision regarding the relationship, to take the measures the person considers appropriate to ensure their own safety or that of their child or to establish protection scenarios.

This Act is not to be interpreted as requiring a person to take any means whatsoever for the purposes set out in the first paragraph, unless doing so is required by law.

2. For the purposes of this Act,

(1) "intimate partner" means a person who has or had an intimate relationship, such as a conjugal, sentimental or sexual relationship, with a person at risk, regardless of their cohabiting or of the serious or stable nature of their relationship;

(2) "person at risk" means a person who has concerns about the risk that an intimate partner may pose to the safety of the person or the person's child.

DIVISION II

COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

3. A person at risk may make an application for information concerning an intimate partner or consent to another person making the application on their behalf.

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The Government may, by regulation, determine the persons or categories of persons who may make an application for information concerning an intimate partner of a person at risk as well as the criteria and conditions for making such an application.

A minor 14 years of age or over may make an application for information alone or consent alone to a person making the application on their behalf.

4. A member of a police force or a person working within a body that offers prevention, assistance and support services, including temporary lodging services, who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person at risk could benefit from the communication of information under this Act may provide the person at risk with the information on the process for making an application under section 3. The member of the police force may disclose to that person the necessary information on the identity of the intimate partner in respect of whom the application could be made.

A police force or one of its members may, at any time, communicate personal information concerning an intimate partner to a person at risk in accordance with sections 59.1 and 60.1 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).

5. An application for information concerning an intimate partner must be made using the form prescribed by the Minister and be sent to the Sûreté du Québec. The application must meet the criteria and conditions that the Government determines by regulation and it is processed according to the terms and within the time limits set out in the regulation.

Where the application does not meet those criteria and conditions, the Sûreté du Québec so informs the person who made the application.

The person making the application may be assisted for the purpose of completing the form.

6. The Sûreté du Québec searches in the databases available to police forces for the information that concerns the intimate partner who is the subject of the application. To that end, a police force must provide the Sûreté du Québec, at its request and as soon as possible, with any information relating to the intimate partner, subject to section 263.5 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1). The same applies to the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique.

7. The Sûreté du Québec communicates to the body designated under the second paragraph, as soon as possible, the information necessary to enable the person at risk to make an informed decision regarding their relationship, to take the measures the person considers appropriate to ensure their safety or that of their child or to establish protection scenarios. If the Sûreté du Québec does not identify any necessary information, it so informs the body.

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The minister responsible for the status of women designates the body on the recommendation of the Minister. When making the designation, the minister responsible for the status of women takes into account, in particular, the specific needs of the First Nations and the Inuit.

8. The person designated by the body to which the Sûreté du Québec has communicated the information under section 7 communicates with the person at risk, as soon as possible and in a safe manner, to arrange a meeting. During the meeting, the designated person communicates the information orally or informs the person at risk of the fact that no necessary information was identified for the purposes of this Act. The designated person may also provide the person at risk with information enabling the latter to make an informed decision regarding their relationship, to take the measures the person considers appropriate to ensure their safety or that of their child or to establish protection scenarios, and may refer the person at risk to resources specializing in interventions adapted to that person's needs and facilitate access to those resources.

During the meeting, the person at risk may be accompanied.

The body and the person designated by the body who is not a member of a professional order may not reproduce the information communicated to them under section 7 and the body must destroy the information within 60 days of it being sent by the Sûreté du Québec.

The Government determines, by regulation, the conditions that a person must meet to be designated by a body.

9. Despite sections 9 and 83 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) and despite the first paragraph of section 27 of the Act respecting the protection of personal information in the private sector (chapter P-39.1), the intimate partner does not have the right to be informed of the existence of an application made under this Act or to receive communication of information concerning them that was collected and communicated under this Act.

DIVISION III

RESTRICTIONS ON THE COMMUNICATION AND USE OF INFORMATION

10. No person to whom confidential information is communicated under this Act may communicate that information to a third person, unless the information is necessary to enable the person at risk or their child to obtain assistance, moral support or protection, or unless doing so is required by law.

11. No confidential information communicated under this Act may be used for purposes other than those provided for by this Act.

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Likewise, no such information may be admitted as evidence, including in judicial proceedings.

12. The following may not be invoked, in any way:

(1) the fact that a person made or did not make an application for information concerning an intimate partner;

(2) that information was communicated to the person under this Act and that, if applicable, the person remained in a relationship with their intimate partner; or

(3) that the person did not establish measures to ensure their safety or did not establish protection scenarios.

DIVISION IV

IMMUNITY AND NON-COMPELLABILITY TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION

13. A police force and its employees as well as a designated body and the persons designated by the body incur no civil liability for injury resulting from an act performed or omitted in good faith in the exercise of their functions under this Act.

14. No police force or its employees as well as no designated body or the persons designated by the body may be compelled to make a deposition in a judicial proceeding relating to an application for information concerning an intimate partner, to the communication of such information or to the information that was brought to their knowledge under this Act, nor may they be compelled to produce any related file, information, report, correspondence or other document.

No person who made an application or to whom information was communicated may be compelled to make a deposition in a judicial proceeding relating to an application for information concerning an intimate partner or to the information that was brought to their knowledge under this Act, nor may they be compelled to produce any related file, information, report, correspondence or other document.

DIVISION V

PENAL PROVISIONS

15. Anyone who makes a false statement in an application made under section 3 is liable to a fine of $500 to $5,000 in the case of a natural person and $1,500 to $15,000 in any other case.

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16. Anyone who contravenes the provisions of the third paragraph of section 8, section 10 or the first paragraph of section 11 is liable to a fine of $1,000 to $10,000 in the case of a natural person and $3,000 to $30,000 in any other case.

17. Anyone who, by an act or omission, helps or, by encouragement, advice or consent, or by an authorization or an order, induces another person to commit an offence under this Act commits the same offence.

18. In any penal proceedings relating to an offence under this Act, proof that the offence was committed by an agent, mandatary or employee of any party is sufficient to establish that it was committed by that party, unless the party establishes that it exercised due diligence, taking all necessary precautions to prevent the commission of the offence.

19. The amounts of the fines prescribed by this Act are doubled for a second or subsequent offence.

20. Any penal proceedings instituted under this Act are prescribed one year after the date on which the prosecutor becomes aware of the commission of the offence.

However, no proceedings may be instituted if more than five years have elapsed from the date of the commission of the offence.

DIVISION VI

AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING THE QUÉBEC CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

21. Section 17 of the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1) is amended by replacing “sexual assault, or of behaviour related to pedophilia,” by “sexual violence, or of behaviour related to”.

22. Section 22 of the Act is amended by replacing “sexual deviance, pedophilia” by “sexual violence”.

23. Section 25 of the Act is amended by replacing “suspended sentence” in the first paragraph by “conditional sentence order,”.

24. Section 27 of the Act is amended by replacing “suspended sentence” by “conditional sentence order”.

25. Section 154 of the Act is amended by replacing “of a sexual nature or related to domestic violence” in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by “related to domestic violence or sexual violence”.

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26. Section 174 of the Act is amended by replacing "a minor" in the second paragraph by "under 14 years of age".

27. Section 175 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**175.** The persons referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 must take the measures at their disposal to communicate to a person who is a victim referred to in government policies on domestic violence and on sexual violence the information provided for in those subparagraphs that is necessary to ensure their safety, unless there is reasonable cause to believe that the communication of such information would compromise the safety of the person entrusted to the correctional services:

(1) a member of the personnel of the correctional services:

(*a*) the conditions attached to an interim release order, a probation order or a conditional sentence order imposing community supervision on the person as well as the person's destination during the supervision,

(*b*) the date of the person's eligibility for a temporary absence for reintegration purposes,

(*c*) the date of a temporary absence for reintegration purposes as well as the attached conditions and the person's destination during the temporary absence,

(*d*) the date of the person's release at the end of their term of imprisonment, and

(*e*) the fact that the person has escaped or is unlawfully at large; and

(2) a member of the personnel of the parole board:

(*a*) the date of the person's eligibility for a temporary absence in preparation for conditional release or of the person's eligibility for conditional release,

(*b*) the date of a temporary absence in preparation for conditional release, of a temporary absence for a family visit or of a conditional release as well as the attached conditions and the person's destination during the temporary absence or conditional release, and

(*c*) the decisions made under sections 136, 138, 140, 143, 160, 163, 167 and 171.

The information may also be communicated to any other person if there is reasonable cause to believe that the safety of that person may be compromised by the presence in the community of the person entrusted to the correctional services.

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Likewise, the information may be communicated to any other person who is a victim who requests it in writing, except the information provided for in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph."

28. Section 175.1 of the Act is amended by replacing "between the facility director or the chair of the parole board and a person who is a victim under section 175 are confidential and the offender" by "under section 175 are confidential and the person entrusted to the correctional services".

29. Section 176 of the Act, amended by section 61 of chapter 7 of the statutes of 2026, is again amended

(1) by replacing "to the facility director or to the chair of the" and "The chair of the" in the first paragraph by "to the correctional services or to the" and "The", respectively;

(2) by replacing "the director of a correctional facility or the chair of the parole board" and "the chair of the parole board shall also communicate the representations to the director of the correctional facility where the offender they concern is confined" in the second paragraph by "the correctional services or the parole board, as the case may be," and "the parole board shall also communicate the representations it receives to the correctional services", respectively.

30. Section 201 of the Act is amended by replacing "or suspension" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by "order or a conditional sentence".

31. Section 202 of the Act is amended by replacing "or suspension" in paragraph 3 by "order or a conditional sentence".

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE LA SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

32. Section 9 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (chapter M-19.3) is amended by replacing "suspension" in paragraph 5.1 by "conditional sentence".

DIVISION VII

FINAL PROVISIONS

33. The Sûreté du Québec must, not later than one year after the date of coming into force of section 1 of this Act and every year after that, publish on its website a statistical report on the activities it carried out under this Act, according to the form and content determined by the Minister.

The designated body must also, not later than one year after the date of coming into force of section 1 of this Act and every year after that, send to the minister responsible for the status of women a statistical report on the activities

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it carried out under this Act, according to the form and content determined by that minister. The body may publish the report on its website.

34. The Minister of Public Security is responsible for the administration of this Act.

35. The provisions of this Act come into force 11 December 2027 or on any earlier date or dates fixed by the Government, except those of sections 21 to 32, which come into force on 15 October 2026.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 977-2026, 25 June 2026

Rectification of the territorial boundaries of municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun and municipalité de Sainte-Croix and validation of acts performed by the parish and municipality

WHEREAS Municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun is acting without right in a part of territory situated within the territorial boundaries of municipalité de Sainte-Croix;

WHEREAS the situation has been ongoing since at least 5 October 2001;

WHEREAS, under section 178 of the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (chapter O-9), the Government may, by order, rectify the territorial boundaries of a local municipality in particular where the description thereof is erroneous, where one of the boundaries is a thoroughfare or where a municipality has acted without right in a territory not subject to its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 192 of the Act, the Government may, by order, validate any act performed without right by a municipality in respect of a territory not subject to its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 188 of the Act, the rectification may have effect retroactively;

WHEREAS, under sections 179 and 193 of the Act, the Minister of Municipal Affairs sent to Municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun and Municipalité de Sainte-Croix a notice containing the proposed rectification and validation of acts;

WHEREAS Municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun and Municipalité de Sainte-Croix adopted Resolution No. 2024-07-150 dated 2 July 2024 and Resolution No. 224-2024 dated 9 July 2024, respectively, in which they express their agreement on the proposed rectification and validation of acts;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT the territorial boundaries of municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun and municipalité de Sainte-Croix be rectified and that the acts performed be validated according to the following:

1. The territory of municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun includes the territory described in Schedule A to this Order in Council;

2. The territory of municipalité de Sainte-Croix does not include the territory described in Schedule A to this Order in Council;

3. No illegality may be raised against the acts performed by Municipalité de la paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun in respect of the territory described in Schedule A from the fact that it did not have jurisdiction over the territory;

4. No illegality may be raised against the acts performed by Municipalité de Sainte-Croix in respect of the territory described in Schedule A from the fact that it did not have jurisdiction over the territory;

5. The rectification has effect from 5 October 2001.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

SCHEDULE A

OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION

Prepared to rectify part of the territorial boundaries between Municipalité de Sainte-Croix and Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun, in Municipalité régionale de comté de Lotbinière.

The part of the territorial boundary to be rectified between Municipalité de Sainte-Croix and Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun, in Municipalité régionale de comté de Lotbinière, follows, on the date hereof and in reference to the cadastre of Québec, the delineation defined by the following lines and demarcations: starting from the apex of the southeast angle of lot 3 590 500, thence, southeasterly, the northeastern limit of lot 3 856 227; westerly, the southern limit of lots 3 856 227 and 3 856 226 and part of the southern limit of lot 3 856 213, to its intersection with the southeasterly extension of the northeastern limit of lot 3 591 175; northwesterly, the said extension and the northeastern limit of lot 3 591 175; westerly, the northern limit of lots 3 591 175 and 3 856 340 and part of the northern limit of lot 3 856 215 (right-of-way of route Laurier), to its intersection with the easterly extension of the former limit between ranges 4 and 5 in the cadastre of the parish of Sainte-Croix; lastly, westerly, the said extension across lot 3 856 215 (right-of-way of route Laurier), to its intersection with the northeastern limit of lot 3 591 193.

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The delineation defines the part of the territorial boundary between Municipalité de Sainte-Croix and Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur-d'Issoudun, in Municipalité régionale de comté de Lotbinière.

The whole as it appears on the plan accompanying the official description.

Minister of Natural Resources and Forests
Office of the Surveyor-General of Québec
Service de l'arpentage et des limites territoriales

Prepared in Québec, on 29 October 2024

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 1011-2026, 25 June 2026

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 618 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), the Government may by regulation prescribe the criteria on the basis of which a road vehicle may be recognized as an emergency vehicle;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 621 of the Code, the Government may by regulation establish criteria to be met by a road vehicle to be equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 11 March 2026 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 618, par. 1, and s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 5).

1. The Regulation respecting emergency vehicles and vehicles equipped with flashing or rotating amber lights (chapter C-24.2, r. 49) is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing paragraph 4 by the following:

"(4) for driving courses for emergency vehicles provided the vehicle is owned by the Gouvernement du Québec, the École nationale de Police du Québec, the École nationale des pompiers du Québec or an educational institution recognized by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports or the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology;";

(2) by replacing "Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs" in paragraph 5 by "Gouvernement du Québec or the Government of Canada";

(3) by replacing paragraph 6 by the following:

"(6) to rush to the site of a disaster threatening public safety provided the vehicle is owned by the Gouvernement du Québec or the Government of Canada.".

2. The following is inserted after section 1:

"**1.1.** The Société also recognizes a road vehicle as an emergency vehicle if a certificate of mechanical inspection issued under the Regulation respecting safety standards for road vehicles (chapter C-24.2, r. 32) by the Société or a person authorized to inspect a road vehicle on its behalf, less than one month from the date of the application for recognition, indicates that the vehicle conforms, that it is used occasionally to rush to the site of a disaster and is owned by a fire chief.".

3. Section 2 is amended by replacing "no longer complies with the criteria of recognition in section 1" in the first paragraph by "no longer complies with the criteria of recognition in section 1 or 1.1".

4. Section 5 is amended by striking out paragraph 4.

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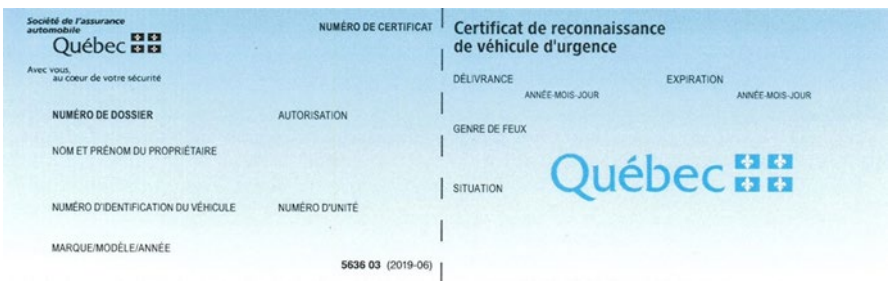
5. Schedules I and II are replaced by the following:

"**SCHEDULE I**
(*Section 2*)

STICKER AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE



SCHEDULE II
(*Section 6*)

STICKER AND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION OF A VEHICLE THAT MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH AMBER LIGHTS

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6. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Order 2026-007 of the Minister of Education dated 25 June 2026

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3)

Regulation respecting the conditions and procedures for the continuing education of teachers

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 457 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), which provides that the Minister of Education may, by regulation, prescribe the conditions and procedures relating to the continuing education referred to in section 22.0.1 of the Act and section 54.12 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1), including those pertaining to recognition of the content of the continuing education activities, to methods for monitoring, supervising or evaluating the continuing education requirements and, where applicable, to exemptions;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of section 457 of the Act, which provides that the Minister of Education may, in such a regulation, entrust functions in that area to a person or body, in particular to a school principal or the principal of a centre, to an institution governed by the Act respecting private education or to the Institut national d'excellence en éducation;

CONSIDERING that the draft Regulation respecting the conditions and procedures for the continuing education of teachers was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 15 April 2026, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), with a notice that it could be made on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient that the Minister of Education make the draft Regulation with amendments;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation respecting the conditions and procedures for the continuing education of teachers, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

Québec, 25 June 2026

SONIA LEBEL
Minister of Education

Regulation respecting the conditions and procedures for the continuing education of teachers

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3, s. 457).

DIVISION I
PURPOSE

1. This Regulation provides the conditions and procedures for the continuing education of teachers set out in section 22.0.1 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3) and section 54.12 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1). Its purpose is to ensure, promote and encourage the maintenance, improvement and development of the skill set related to the exercise of the teacher's functions.

For the purposes of this Regulation, "teacher" means any person who holds a teaching licence issued by the Minister of Education or who practises the teaching profession under any other form of authorization referred to in the Education Act or the Act respecting private education.

DIVISION II
CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

2. Teachers choose continuing education activities in connection with the competencies of teachers within the meaning of section 458.1 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3) in order to comply with the obligation to undergo at least 30 hours of continuing education activities per reference period.

Among the hours of activities referred to in the first paragraph, 2 hours must be specifically completed in connection with a competency that an order made under section 458.1 of the Education Act identifies as a priority during a reference period.

For the purposes of this Regulation, "reference period" means a period of two school years beginning on 1 July of every odd-numbered year.

3. In addition to those stated in section 22.0.1 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3) and section 54.12 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1), the following are continuing education activities, provided they are in connection with the competencies of teachers within the meaning of section 458.1 of the Education Act:

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(1) participating as an instructor or a speaker for the hours involved in a single training activity or a single conference where the teacher concerned gives the training or the speech more than once during a reference period;

(2) participating in research projects;

(3) participating in an activity, as a mentor or mentee, for not more than 15 hours per reference period; participating in such an activity as part of on-the-job training, whether as a training supervisor or a trainee, is however not considered a continuing education activity;

(4) drafting and publishing articles or specialized literature for not more than 15 hours per reference period;

(5) reading specialized articles, listening to a specialized audio document or watching a specialized audiovisual document for not more than 5 hours per reference period; and

(6) participating in a training program leading to the issuance of a teaching licence, except the hours completed as a trainee in that program.

4. Teachers must, from the date when they begin to exercise a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution, undergo a number of hours of continuing education activities equal to the prorated number of full months not elapsed during the reference period in progress.

5. Teachers may not apply hours of continuing education activities in excess of those that they must undergo to the subsequent reference period.

DIVISION III
RECOGNITION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

6. The following continuing education activities are automatically recognized:

(1) activities organized by the Minister;

(2) activities organized by a school service centre, a private educational institution, a school or centre principal or an officer of a private educational institution, where the activities are provided by an instructor mandated by such an institution;

(3) activities offered by an educational institution at the university level referred to in section 1 of the Act respecting educational institutions at the university level (chapter E-14.1); and

(4) activities referred to in section 3 of this Regulation whose content meets the objectives of this Regulation according to the school service centre or the private educational institution concerned pursuant to section 8 of this Regulation.

The Institut national d'excellence en éducation (Institute) must recognize all other continuing education activities not referred to in the first paragraph. The hours completed by a teacher with regard to an activity may not be attributed to a reference period before the activity has been recognized.

DIVISION IV
MONITORING METHODS

7. Teachers must provide a continuing education report to the school service centre or private educational institution that employs them, not later than 30 October following the end of each reference period. The report must indicate the continuing education activities that have been completed during the reference period, their date, the name of their provider, the number of hours completed for each and, where applicable, the fact that a teacher is exempted.

8. When it receives the continuing education report referred to in section 7, a school service centre or private educational institution must ensure that the content of the report meets the objectives of this Regulation.

9. When a school service centre or private educational institution notices that a continuing education activity reported in accordance with section 7 is not already automatically recognized or recognized by the Institut national d'excellence en éducation or has content that does not meet the objectives of this Regulation, it may reject the hours that are attributed to that activity. In such a case, it must issue prior notice to the teacher in writing and inform the teacher of the teacher's right to submit written observations within 15 days of the date on which the notice is issued. The teacher is notified of the decision of the school service centre or private educational institution within 30 days of the issue of the notice or the receipt of the written observations, whichever period expires last.

Pursuant to the first paragraph, the elements considered by a school service centre or private educational institution for the purposes of rendering its decision are the following:

(1) the relationship between the activity and the practice of the teaching profession;

(2) the experience and competencies of the instructor;

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(3) the content and relevance of the activity;

(4) the curricular framework in which the activity is conducted;

(5) the quality of the documentation; and

(6) the continuing education activity's compliance with the training objectives referred to in a statute or this Regulation.

10. A school service centre or private educational institution may require from a teacher any information or any supporting documents that make it possible to verify whether the teacher complies with the continuing education obligations set out by a statute or this Regulation. The same applies to a school principal, a principal of a centre or an officer of a private educational institution concerned.

11. Teachers must keep the supporting documents that make it possible for a school service centre, a private educational institution or the Minister to verify whether the teacher complies with the continuing education obligations provided by a statute or this Regulation for 5 years following the end of the reference period.

DIVISION V
EXEMPTION FROM TRAINING

12. The following persons are exempted from the continuing education obligations set out in a statute or this Regulation:

(1) a casual supply teacher;

(2) a teacher hired by the lesson or by the hour;

(3) a retired teacher who is employed or hired under a contract by a school service centre or private educational institution;

(4) a person who provides instruction in an enterprise that meets the conditions determined by the Minister in a regulation made under paragraph 7 of section 111 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1); and

(5) a person providing instruction which does not have as its object, within the meaning of the basic regulations, the obtaining of a diploma, certificate or other official attestation awarded by the Minister or the obtaining of an attestation of qualification issued by a school service centre pursuant to section 223 or 246.1 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3);

(6) a teacher who, for the entire duration of a reference period and regardless of the reason, does not exercise a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution;

(7) a teacher who exercises a function within the Cree School Board, the Kativik School Board or the Naskapi school, in proportion to the number of full months during which the teacher exercised that function during a reference period.

13. Teachers who do not exercise a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution for only part of the reference period concerned owing to an illness, accident, pregnancy, maternity, paternity or parental leave, or absence to act as a caregiver within meaning of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1) or in exceptional circumstances may be exempted from complying with the continuing education obligations set out in a statute or this Regulation.

Teachers who do not exercise a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution for only part of the reference period owing to the absence of an employment relationship, or are suspended or have conditions attached to their teaching licence, may not avail themselves of the provisions of this section and obtain an exemption in accordance with this Division.

For the purposes of this section, a number of hours equal to the prorated number of full months during which teachers have ceased to exercise a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution for the reference period in progress may be granted as an exemption. However, in the case of an absence for a maternity, paternity or parental leave or to act as a caregiver within the meaning of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1), the maximum exemption is 15 hours per reference period.

14. A teacher concerned by one of the situations referred to in section 13 may obtain an exemption by making a written request to the school service centre or private educational institution that employs the teacher in which the teacher explains

(1) the reasons in support of the teacher's exemption request; and

(2) the duration of the requested exemption.

The request must be sent not later than the end date of the reference period and be accompanied by any supporting document attesting that the teacher has ceased exercising a function within a school service centre or a private educational institution.

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15. Where a school service centre or private educational institution grants an exemption, it sets the duration and conditions applicable to the exemption.

Where a school service centre or private educational institution intends to reject the exemption request, it issues a notice to the teacher in writing and informs the teacher of the teacher's right to submit written observations within 15 days of the date of the notice.

The school service centre or private educational institution renders the decision and notifies the teacher in writing within 30 days of the date of receipt of the request or written observations, whichever period expires last.

16. Not more than 15 days after the reason for the exemption ceases to apply, the teacher must notify in writing the school service centre or private educational institution that employs the teacher.

In such a case, the school service centre or private educational institution determines the number of hours of continuing education activities that the teacher must complete until the end of the reference period and informs the teacher of that number in writing. In such a case, the procedure and periods set out in section 15 apply, with the necessary modifications.

DIVISION VI
FAILURES AND PENALTIES

17. Not later than 31 December following the end of each reference period, the school service centre or private educational institution issues a notice in writing to a teacher who fails to produce the continuing education report or who otherwise fails to comply with the continuing education obligations set out in a statute or this Regulation.

The notice informs the teacher of

(1) the nature of the failure;

(2) the period granted to the teacher to remedy that failure and provide proof that it has been remedied;

(3) the measure that may be imposed on the teacher if the teacher does not remedy the failure within the granted period, by taking into account the seriousness of the failure and the principle of progressive discipline; and

(4) where applicable, the fact that a status report concerning the teacher will be sent to the Minister in accordance with section 18.

The period provided in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph is 90 days from the issue of the notice, unless the notice concerns only the failure to produce the continuing education report, in which case it is 30 days from the issue of the notice.

18. Depending on the seriousness of the failure stated in the notice provided in section 17 and following the principle of progressive discipline, the school service centre or private educational institution informs the Minister as soon as possible of the current status of a teacher so that the Minister may take the appropriate actions under the Minister's responsibility.

DIVISION VII
MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL

19. This Regulation applies starting with the reference period from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2029.

20. This Regulation comes into force on 23 July 2026.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1)

Monitoring and control of certain agricultural land rights

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the monitoring and control of certain agricultural land rights, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation provides that the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec must monitor, as prescribed by section 79.0.1 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1), certain sales of a lot situated in an agricultural zone. The draft Regulation determines the information that must be provided to the Commission by a person who applies for the registration of an act of sale in the land register. The draft Regulation also determines the information and declarations that must be provided by the parties to the act to the person who applies for the registration of the act. Lastly, the draft Regulation exempts certain enterprises and social trusts from the application of the provisions of subdivision 2 of Division VI of Chapter II of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1).

To date, an examination of the file reveals that the draft Regulation, as concerns the monitoring of certain agricultural land rights, will give rise to costs for the persons who will apply for the registration of a sale of a lot situated in an agricultural zone, in particular for obtaining and verifying the accuracy of the information for which they or the parties to the act may be responsible. The estimated annual cost of the measure is $148,937. As concerns the control of certain acquisitions of farm land, the measure will give rise to savings for certain groups due to the fact that they will be exempted from having to obtain the authorization of the Commission for the acquisition of farm land. The groups are organizations dedicated to the preservation or development of the territory and of agricultural activities. The estimated annual savings of the measure are $1,270.

Additional information about the draft Regulation can be obtained by contacting Éric Guillemette, Director, Direction de l'aménagement et de la mise en valeur du territoire, ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6, email: eric.guillemette@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Geneviève Masse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sous-ministériat au développement durable, territorial et sectoriel, ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6, email: genevieve.masse@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

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Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Regulation respecting the monitoring and control of certain agricultural land rights

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1, s. 79.0.1, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pars., and s. 79.0.4, 2nd par.).

DIVISION I
MONITORING CERTAIN RIGHTS REGISTERED IN THE LAND REGISTER

1. The Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec must monitor, as prescribed by section 79.0.1 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1), the sales of lots situated in an agricultural zone, except

(1) a sale made in accordance with one of the terms and conditions provided in sections 1744 to 1766 of the Civil Code;

(2) a sale of rights of superficies;

(3) a sale referred to in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 1 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities, except in the case of an alienation by agreement made after service of a notice of expropriation under the Act respecting expropriation (chapter E-25).

2. For the purposes of section 79.0.1 of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1), the person who applies for the registration in the land register of the sale of a lot situated in an agricultural zone must provide the following information:

(1) the name, the capacity and the address of each party to the act of sale;

(2) the Québec business number of each party to the act of sale, where applicable;

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(3) a note that the parties have declared to the person that the provisions of section 19 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3) apply to them, where applicable;

(4) the declaration provided for in paragraph 1 of section 21 of the Act respecting the acquisition of farm land by non-residents (chapter A-4.1), where applicable;

(5) if one of the parties has declared to the person that it is an agricultural operation registered under the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (chapter M-14):

(*a*) the registration number of the agricultural operation;

(*b*) the file number, entered on the property assessment roll of the municipality on the day preceding the sale, of the unit of assessment that includes the lot concerned by the sale;

(6) the cadastral number of the lot concerned by the sale;

(7) the date of the act of sale;

(8) the total price of the transaction entered on the act of sale;

(9) if the lot concerned by the sale has an area greater than 0.5 hectares, the approximate value established by the parties of the parcel of land, the approximate value of the agricultural buildings as well as the approximate value of the non-agricultural buildings, where applicable;

(10) the amount referred to in subparagraph *e*.1 of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act respecting duties on transfers of immovables (chapter D-15.1);

(11) a note that the seller has declared to the person that the seller retains, where applicable, a right of alienation on a contiguous lot to the lot concerned by the sale or on a lot that would otherwise be contiguous if it were not separated from the lot concerned by the sale by a public road, a railway, a public utility right of way, or the surface of a lot in respect of which there exists of a right recognized in virtue of Chapter VII of the Act respecting the preservation of the agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1);

(12) a note that the acquirer of the lot has declared that the sale is subject to one of the prohibitions provided for in the first paragraph of section 79.0.6 of the Act respecting the preservation of the agricultural land and agricultural activities and an indication of the prohibition, where applicable.

If the person who applies for the registration wishes to provide the information on the website of the commission, the person must indicate this upon the submission of the application for registration of the right in the land register. When the person provides the information on the website of the commission, the person must also indicate the date and the registration number of the application in the land register.

In the event where authorizations from the commission are required with respect to the information provided for in subparagraphs 4, 11 and 12 of the first paragraph, the person who applies for the registration must also provide the file number of the authorization from the commission.

When the sale also concerns a lot situated outside the agricultural zone, the information provided for in paragraphs 8 to 10 of the first paragraph is not required.

3. The parties to the act of sale must communicate to the person who applies for the registration of the sale the information and declarations provided for in subparagraphs 3 and 4, subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 5 and subparagraphs 8 to 12 of the first paragraph of section 2.

DIVISION II
MONITORING CERTAIN ACQUISITIONS OF FARM LAND

4. The following are exempted from the application of the provisions of subdivision 2 of Division VI of Chapter II of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1):

(1) an enterprise whose exclusive activity is to promote the start-up, consolidation and transfer of agricultural enterprises in support of the next generation of farmers by offering in particular loans or the lease of lots situated in an agricultural zone and of which at least 33% of the funds come from the Government, a department or a public agency;

(2) a social trust whose main object is to acquire lots situated in an agricultural zone with the goal of preserving them in perpetuity or of leasing them to a producer.

5. This Regulation comes into force on 2 October 2027, except for section 4, which comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1)

Tariff of duties, fees and costs made under the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
— Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the tariff of duties, fees and costs made under the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation fixes the fees for the opening of a record and costs for investigations or hearings in the case of an application for acquisition of farm land subject to the provisions of subdivision 2 of Division VI of Chapter II of the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1).

To date, study of the matter has shown that the fees payable for applications for acquisition of farm land will result in annual financial costs of the order of $1,775 for the opening of a record and costs for investigations or hearings.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Éric Guillemette, director, Direction de l'aménagement et de la mise en valeur du territoire, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: eric.guillemette@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the matter is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Geneviève Masse, assistant deputy minister, Sous-ministériat au développement durable, territorial et sectoriel, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: genevieve.masse@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the tariff of duties, fees and costs made under the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities

Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities
(chapter P-41.1, s. 80, 1st par., subpar. 8).

1. The Regulation respecting the tariff of duties, fees and costs made under the Act respecting the preservation of agricultural land and agricultural activities (chapter P-41.1, r. 6) is amended in section 1 by replacing "and 73" by ", 73 and 79.0.9".

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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