

“6.01. Minimum hourly wages are as follows:

	As of 97 01 01	As of 98 01 01
1. Full-time employee:		
(a) Driver		
i. self-loading truck	\$16.50	\$16.90
ii. side-loading truck	17.39	17.79
iii. other vehicle	16.29	16.69
(b) Helper	15.97	16.37
2. Part-time employee:		
(a) Truck driver, any category	15.71	16.11
(b) Helper	15.43	15.83.”.

2. The following is substituted for section 7.02:

“7.02. Each month, the employer remits to the Comité paritaire des boueurs de la région de Montréal, for each insurable employee, the premium established below, according to the groupe insurance plan adopted by the contracting parties and administered by the committee:

1. as of 1 January 1997:	\$49.50
2. as of 1 January 1998:	\$52.00.”.

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

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting occupational health and safety (R.S.Q., c. S-2.1)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) and with section 224 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (R.S.Q., c. S-2.1), that the Regulation to amend various regulatory provisions respecting occupational health and safety, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail and submitted to the Government for approval upon the expiry of 60 days following this publication.

The purpose of the Draft Regulation is to lighten existing regulations respecting the prevention of occupational injuries.

To that end, the Draft Regulation proposes to revoke four regulations which, in fact, are no longer applied owing to their obsolescence. They are the Regulation respecting shipyards (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.4), the Regulation respecting ice cutting (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.7), the Regulation respecting the shoring of concrete formwork (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.10) and the Regulation respecting reviews related to inspections, approved by Order in Council 147-83 dated 26 January 1983.

The purpose of the Draft Regulation is also to revoke five other regulations and to transfer their essentials into the two general regulations which are the Regulation respecting industrial and commercial establishments (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.9) and the Regulation respecting occupational health and safety in mines and amending various regulatory provisions, approved by Order in Council 213-93 dated 17 January 1993. The regulations thus revoked are the Regulation respecting the handling and use of explosives (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.11), the Regulation respecting the protection of compressed air workers (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.14), the Regulation respecting work carried out in the vicinity of electric power lines (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r. 21), the Regulation respecting the use of explosive actuated tools (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.23) and the Regulation respecting mine rescue stations (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.13).

It is to be expected that the Regulation will have a positive financial impact on businesses, in particular on small and medium-sized businesses, since there will be less regulations to apply. In addition, the Draft Regulation tends to make uniform the standards that apply in the various sectors of activities.

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Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 60-day period, to Mr. Alain Albert, vice-president of programming and consulting, Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail, 1199, rue de Bleury, 14e étage, Montréal (Québec), H3B 3J1.

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Regulation to amend various regulatory provisions respecting occupational health and safety

An Act respecting occupational health and safety (R.S.Q., c. S-2.1, s. 223, 1st par., subpars. 1, 2, 7 to 14, 19, 41 and 42, 2nd and 3rd pars., and s. 286)

1. The Regulation respecting shipyards (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.4) is revoked.

2. The Regulation respecting ice cutting (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.7) is revoked.

3. The Regulation respecting industrial and commercial establishments (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.9), amended by the Regulations approved by Orders in Council 1960-86 and 1961-86 dated 16 December 1986 and 55-90 dated 17 January 1990, is further amended by inserting the following Subdivisions after section 9.5.4:

“§9.6 *Work in compressed air*

9.6.1 Division IX of the Safety Code for the construction industry (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.6) applies to any work carried out in compressed air.

§9.7 *Explosive actuated tools*

9.7.1 Division VII of the Safety Code for the construction industry applies to any work carried out with an explosive actuated tool.

§9.8 *Work near an electrical line*

9.8.1 Division V of the Safety Code for the construction industry applies to any work carried out near an aerial electrical line.

§9.9 *Blasting work and use of explosives*

9.9.1 This subdivision applies to any blasting work or work requiring the use of explosives. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it does not apply to such work where the work is carried out on a construction site or in a mine.

Work on a construction site is governed by the Safety Code for the construction industry.

Work in mines is governed by the Regulation respecting occupational health and safety in mines and amending various regulatory provisions (O.C. 213-93, 17 February 1993, 125 *G.O.*, Part II, of 17 March 1993, p. 1757).

9.9.2 A person who carries out blasting work or any work requiring the use of explosives must hold a shot-firer's certificate.

The certificate is issued by the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail or by a body recognized by it.

9.9.3 A shot-firer may not be helped by more than two helpers who do not hold the shot-firer's certificate referred to in section 9.9.2.

The helpers may help the shot-firer in his work, except for the firing which must be done by the shot-firer himself.

The shot-firer must supervise and coordinate the work of the helpers who help him.

9.9.4 A worker must be at least 18 years of age to carry out blasting work or any work requiring the use of explosives.

9.9.5 Division IV of the Safety Code for the construction industry, except for Subdivision 4.2, applies to blasting work or to any work requiring the use of explosives.

9.9.6 The Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail must cancel the certificate of a shot-firer found guilty of an offence under section 236 or 237 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety.

The Commission may also cancel or suspend, for a 3 to 24-month period, a shot-firer's certificate where the latter's work has been the subject of a remedial order under section 182 of the Act or of an order under section 186 of the Act, owing to the fact that he refused to comply with the Act or this Regulation.”

4. The following is inserted after section 11.7.3:

“**11.7.4:** Where a sanitary landfill site is in operation more than 16 hours a week, a heated shelter provided with drinking water, a telephone or a two-way radio, lighting and a water closet must be installed therein.”

5. The Regulation respecting the shoring of concrete formwork (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.10) is revoked.

6. The Regulation respecting the handling and use of explosives (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.11) is revoked.

7. The Regulation respecting mine rescue stations (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.13) is revoked.

8. The Regulation respecting the protection of compressed air workers (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r.14) is revoked.

9. The Regulation respecting reviews related to inspections, approved by Order in Council 147-83 dated 26 January 1983, is revoked.

10. The Regulation respecting occupational health and safety in mines and amending various regulatory provisions, approved by Order in Council 213-93 dated 17 February 1993 and amended by the Regulation approved by Order in Council 1326-95 dated 4 October 1995, is further amended by inserting the following sections after the heading of Subdivision 5 of Division II:

“**17.01** At the request of the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail, rescue stations for underground mines must be organized, equipped and maintained.

17.02 Each rescue station is under the control and supervision of a person appointed under the Public Service Act (R.S.Q., c. F-3.1.1) as amended. That person must ensure the maintenance of the rescue devices in the stations under his control and supervision and must give the training provided for in sections 18 to 20.”.

11. The Regulation respecting work carried out in the vicinity of electric power lines (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r. 21) is revoked.

12. The Regulation respecting the use of explosive actuated tools (R.R.Q., 1981, c. S-2.1, r. 23) is revoked.

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