

Draft Regulation

An Act respecting income security
(R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1)

Income security — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 13 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting income security, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 20 days following this publication.

The purpose of the amendments provided for in the draft Regulation is to increase the amounts of liquid assets of a family with dependent children for the purposes of determining its eligibility for income security and, where applicable, of calculating the amount granted for the month of its application.

The new amounts of liquid assets were established by taking into account family allowances paid to families under the Act respecting family benefits (1997, c. 57), as well as benefits that will be paid by the federal government, as of 1 July 1998, as National benefits for children.

Under section 12 of the Regulations Act, the draft Regulation may be made within a period shorter than the 45-day period by reason of the urgency due to the following circumstances:

— the amendments provided for in the draft Regulation should come into force rapidly in order to allow families who are already receiving family allowances to benefit as soon as possible from the bonuses of the draft Regulation; it must come into force at the same time as the new federal program of National benefits for children, that is 1 July 1998.

To date, study of the matter has revealed a positive impact on families with dependent children wishing to receive benefits from income security.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Geneviève Bouchard, Director, Policies on income security, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1 (Telephone: (418) 646-2564; fax: (418) 643-0019).

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 20-day period, to the Minister of State for Employment and Solidarity and Minister of

Employment and Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting income security(*)

An Act respecting income security
(R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1, s. 91, 1st par., subpars. 3, 6.1, 8, 13 and 2nd par.; 1997, c. 57, s. 58)

I. Section 6.1 of the Regulation respecting income security is amended

(1) by substituting the following for the amounts of liquid assets listed in the table in the first paragraph: “\$712”, “\$1 037”, “\$1 237”, “\$1 061”, “\$1 278” and “\$1 478”;

(2) by substituting the following for the second and third paragraphs:

“Those amounts shall be increased by an amount of \$200 for the third dependent child and for each subsequent child.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the liquid assets of a family where one of the adults is referred to in subparagraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of section 2 may not exceed \$323, which shall be increased by an amount of \$217 for the first dependent child and by \$200 for each subsequent child.

Those amounts shall also be increased by an amount of \$119 for any dependent minor child receiving an allowance for a handicapped child under the Act respecting family benefits (1997, c. 57).

In the case of an adult referred to in subparagraph 4 of section 2 or in section 4, the liquid assets he may have on the date of his application may not exceed the amount of \$148.”;

* The Regulation respecting income security made by Order in Council 922-89 dated 14 June 1989 (1989, *G.O.* 2, 2443) was last amended by the Regulations made by Orders in Council 1232-97 dated 24 September 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 4997) and 1556-97 dated 3 December 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 5833). For previous amendments, refer to the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 September 1997.

(3) by adding the following at the end: "The amounts of the cheques outstanding on the date of the application and intended to pay the rent, electricity and heating provided they are cashable during the month the application was made are also excluded.".

2. The following is inserted after section 20:

"20.1 For the purposes of section 20, an amount, established as follows, shall be subtracted from the liquid assets of a family with a dependent minor child on the date of the application:

Adults	Dependent children	Amount
1	1	\$325
1	2	\$525
2	1	\$217
2	2	\$417

The amount shall be increased by an amount of \$200 for the third dependent minor child and for each subsequent child.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an amount of \$217 for the first dependent child and of \$200 for each subsequent child shall be subtracted from the liquid assets of a family where one of the adults is referred to in subparagraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of section 2.

An amount of \$119 shall also be subtracted from the liquid assets for any dependent minor child receiving an allowance for a handicapped child under the Act respecting family benefits."

3. This Regulation comes into force on 1 July 1998.

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The purpose of the amendments provided for in the draft Regulation is to limit certain effects of a transition

from a last resort assistance program to an active measure governed by Emploi-Québec.

More precisely, the amendments provide that a beneficiary who ceases to be eligible for a last resort assistance program because of his participation in a measure or employment assistance program may keep his claim booklet and continue to benefit from dental and pharmaceutical services. In addition, while keeping certain vested rights, it is proposed to revoke sections 7.1 and 13.2 of the Regulation respecting income security that have become obsolete. On the other hand, the amounts paid by Emploi-Québec as additional fees related to a participation in a measure or employment assistance program would not count. Finally, to avoid double coverage of the needs by Emploi-Québec and by a last resort assistance program, amendments are made in order to reduce certain special benefits granted under a last resort assistance program of any amount paid by Emploi-Québec to cover the same need.

Further information concerning the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul Dechêne, Direction générale des politiques, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1 (Telephone: (418) 646-1696; fax: (418) 644-1299).

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1. Sections 7.1 and 13.2 of the Regulation respecting income security are deleted.

2. Section 24 is amended

* For amendments to the Regulation respecting income security, made by Order in Council 922-89 dated 14 June 1989 (1989, G.O. 2, 2443), refer to the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 March 1998.