

According to the Bureau des services financiers, this draft regulation is intended to determine the minimum experience required of a claims adjuster seeking authorization to register as an independent representative. Partnerships wishing to act as independent partnerships in the sector of claims adjustment must have, among their partners, at least one claims adjuster having this minimum requirement.

According to the Bureau, the examination of this draft regulation reveals no impact on the public or business, particularly on small and medium-sized business, in that it only reaffirms the already existing rule that the claims adjuster may not pursue activities independently before acquiring a minimum of five years' experience.

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Any interested party having comments regarding this matter is asked to forward them, in two copies, prior to the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Finance, 12, rue Saint-Louis, bureau 1.10, Québec (Québec) G1R 5L3.

BERNARD LANDRY,
*Minister of State for the
Economy and Finance*

Regulation respecting the minimum experience required of independent representatives and of representatives who are partners in independent partnerships in the sector of claims adjustment

An Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services
(1998, c. 37, s. 223, par. 2)

CHAPTER I MINIMUM EXPERIENCE

DIVISION 1 INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES

1. To register as an independent representative in the sector of claims adjustment, a representative must have at least five uninterrupted years of experience as an employee of a firm or independent partnership in the sector of claims adjustment.

DIVISION 2 PARTNERS IN INDEPENDENT PARTNERSHIPS

2. At least one partner in an independent partnership holding a certificate in the sector of claims adjustment must have at least five uninterrupted years of experience as an employee of a firm or an independent partnership in the sector of claims adjustment.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees
(R.S.Q., c. D-2)

Installation of petroleum equipment — Amendments

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of State for Labour and Employment and Minister of Labour has received an application to amend the Decree respecting the installation of petroleum equipment (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-2, r. 33) from the contracting parties to the Decree and that in accordance with section 5 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2) and sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), the Decree to amend the Decree respecting the installation of petroleum equipment, the text of which appears below, may be made by the government upon the expiry of the 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of this draft regulation is to actualize certain working conditions unchanged since 18 July 1996.

To that end, it proposes to amend the reference periods used to determine the amounts of the indemnities for annual vacations and paid holidays.

This draft regulation is currently the object of an economic impact study within the framework of amendments brought to the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (1996, c. 71).

The consultation period shall serve to clarify the impact of the amendments proposed. According to the 1998 annual report of the Comité paritaire de l'installation d'équipement pétrolier, this Decree covers 53 employers, 6 artisans and 348 employees.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jude Bourke, Direction des décrets, ministère du Travail, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1, telephone: (418) 646-2644, fax.: (418) 528-0559 or by E-mail: jude.bourke@travail.gouv.qc.ca.

Any interested person having comments to make concerning this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of that period, to the Deputy Minister of Labour, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 6^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S1.

NORMAND GAUTHIER,
Deputy Minister of Labour

Decree to amend the Decree respecting the installation of petroleum equipment*

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2, ss. 2 and 6.1)

1. The following is substituted for section 6.03 of the Decree respecting the installation of petroleum equipment:

“**6.03. Amount of compensation:** At each pay period, the employer credits each of his employees with an indemnity for the annual vacation equal to 6.36 % and an indemnity for paid holidays equal to 4 %.

6.03.1. Employer’s obligation: The employer includes those amounts in his monthly report and pays, at the same time as his contribution to the Comité paritaire, the amounts for annual vacations and paid holidays, that is a total of 10.36 %.

6.03.2. Payment of the indemnities: Each employee receives the indemnities for his annual vacation and his paid holidays in two instalments.

6.03.3. The Comité paritaire pays the first instalment by cheque mailed to the last known address of the employee before 30 June. This instalment applies to the indemnities due for the period extending from 1 July to 31 December of the preceding year.

6.03.4. The Comité paritaire pays the second instalment by cheque mailed to the last known address of the employee before 30 November. This instalment applies to the indemnities due for the period extending from 1 January to 30 June of the current year.

6.03.5. Exception: However, on the death of an employee or in the event that an employee definitely quits his employment, the Comité paritaire may, at any time, claim the indemnities for the annual vacation and paid holidays due to the employee.”

2. This Decree comes into force on the day of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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* The last amendment to the Decree respecting the installation of petroleum equipment (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-2, r. 33) was made by the regulation made under Order in Council 757-98 dated 3 June 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 2216). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1999, updated to 1 March 1999.