

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Regulation

An Act respecting family benefits  
(1997, c. 57)

### Family benefits — 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 family benefits, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government for approval upon the expiry of 15 days following this publication.

The following regulation is intended to set 1 August as the beginning date of the period for which the amount of the family allowance is determined. It also amends the rules for determining the reference year which serves to establish the income and marital status of the person who is entitled to the allowance: with respect to each of the first seven months of a year, the reference year will be the year that ended on 31 December of the year prior to the preceding year and for the last five months of a year, the reference year will be the year that ended on 31 December of the preceding year.

The proposed regulation also provides that the income taken into account to set the family allowance will be calculated, for the reference year 1998 and subsequent years, according to the rules for the new, simplified tax system prescribed by the Taxation Act (R.S.Q., c. I-3). The regulation sets at 20 % the portion of the allowance for newborn children and the allowance for handicapped children that can serve to offset amounts owed to the Régie with respect to family benefits. Moreover, it provides that an amount of up to \$56 a month can be deducted from a family allowance equal to or less than the minimum allowance and, where the allowance is some greater amount, an amount up to the lesser of 50 % of its value or \$56 can be deducted.

In accordance with section 12 of the Regulations Act, the draft regulation can be made after a period shorter than the period of 45 days provided for in section 11 of that act by reason of urgency due to the following circumstances:

— the amendments provided for in the draft regulation must come into force expeditiously to ensure that the Régie des rentes du Québec will be able to use

pertinent information concerning the net income of beneficiaries for the reference year 1998.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Denis Fugère, Régie des rentes du Québec, Place de la Cité, 2600, boulevard Laurier, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 4T3 (tel.: (418) 657-8732, fax: (418) 643-3663).

Any person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the period mentioned above, to Mr. Guy Morneau, President and General Manager of the Régie des rentes du Québec, Place de la Cité, 2600, boulevard Laurier, 5 étage, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 4T3. Comments will be forwarded by the Régie to the Minister of Child and Family Welfare and to the Minister for Child and Family Welfare.

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### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting family benefits\*

An Act respecting family benefits  
(1997, c. 57, s. 8, 1st par., subpars. 2 and 3, s. 19,  
2nd par. and s. 65)

1. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting family benefits is amended

(1) by replacing, in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph, the word “six” with the word “seven”;

(2) by replacing, in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph, the word “six” with the word “five”.

2. Section 7 of the regulation is amended by replacing the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

\* The last amendment to the Regulation respecting family benefits, approved by Order in Council 1018-97, dated 13 August 1997 (1997, G.O. 2, 4363), was made by the regulation approved by Order in Council 364-98, dated 25 March 1998 (1998, G.O. 2, 1475). For the preceding amendment, see *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

“The income considered is the income for the reference year referred to in the second paragraph of section 1 and is calculated according to sections 28 and 28.1 of the Taxation Act taking into account, where the reference year is after 1997, the rules provided for in Title II of Book V.2.1 of Part 1 of the said act.”

3. Section 8 of the regulation is amended by replacing, in the first paragraph, the word “July” with the word “August”.

4. Section 17 of the regulation is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“17. The Régie may deduct sums due in accordance with the Act or the Act respecting family assistance allowances (R.S.Q., c. A-17) from any benefit paid in accordance with one or the other of those acts:

(1) up to \$56, if the benefit that it pays is a family allowance whose amount is equal to or less than the minimum amount provided for in the third paragraph of section 9;

(2) up to the lesser of \$56 and 50 % of the benefit where the benefit is some other family allowance;

(3) up to 20 % of the benefit where the benefit is an allowance for newborn children or for handicapped children.

The maximum provided for in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph is tripled where the benefit is paid quarterly.”;

(2) by replacing, in the French version, in the part of the second paragraph preceding subparagraph 1, the words “Cependant, elle peut” by the words “La Régie peut néanmoins”;

(3) by replacing in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph the words “benefit to be recovered” by the words “recoverable sum”.

5. 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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## Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (R.S.Q., c. R-9)

### Pensionable employment — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting pensionable earnings, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government for approval upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The following Regulation is intended to make subject to the Québec Pension Plan all casual employment performed at the time of a census and to reduce the period of exception from the Plan that applies to casual work performed at the time of a referendum or an election. These measures are intended to oblige affected workers and their employers to pay contributions to the Plan. Such workers and employers are exempt from paying contributions under the current rules. In compensation for such contributions, the employment income of those workers will be taken into account for the purposes of the plan and will allow them to acquire benefits under the Plan.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Michel Millette, Régie des rentes du Québec, Place de la Cité, 2600, boulevard Laurier, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 4T3 (tel.: (418) 657-8732, fax: (418) 659-8985).

Any person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Mr. Guy Morneau, President and General Manager of the Régie des rentes du Québec, Place de la Cité, 2600, boulevard Laurier, 5<sup>e</sup> étage, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 4T3. Comments will be forwarded by the Régie to the Minister of Social Solidarity.

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*Minister of Social Solidarity*

## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting pensionable employment\*

An Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (R.S.Q., c. R-9, s. 4 par. f, 5 par. f and s. 220)

1. Section 20 of the Regulation respecting pensionable employment is amended:

\* The Regulation respecting pensionable employment (R.R.Q., 1981, c. R-9, r. 8) was amended by the regulations made by Orders in Council 529-88, dated 13 April 1988 (1988, G.O. 2, 1940) and 187-97, dated 12 February 1997 (1997, G.O. 2, 932).