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An Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses
(R.S.Q., c. A-13.3)

Financial assistance for education expenses — 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 financial assistance for education expenses, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the loans and bursaries program in order to grant an allocation for the purchase of computer equipment, to grant a basic exemption for amounts received as child support, and to increase the maximum loan amounts and the maximum levels of indebtedness.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Claude Provencher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Aide financière aux études, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 20^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5; telephone: (418) 646-5313.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Education, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 16^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5.

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Minister of Education

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses*

An Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses
(R.S.Q., c. A-13.3, s. 57; 2003, c. 17, ss. 41 and 42)

1. The Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses is amended by inserting the following after section 29:

“**29.1.** An allocation for the purchase of computer equipment shall be granted, on request, to a student eligible for a loan.

The amount allocated to a student in the form of a loan is \$2,000. The amount is increased to \$3,000 if the student is pursuing studies that require the use of a portable computer.

The computer equipment, including a computer, must be purchased by the student from a computer equipment dealer within two months after the month in which the Minister notifies the student that an allocation has been granted.

The allocation for the purchase of computer equipment may be granted only once during the student's lifetime.

The amount allocated is not taken into account for the purpose of computing financial assistance for education expenses.”.

2. Section 51 is replaced by the following:

“**51.** The maximum amount of a loan is increased by the amount of the fees allocated to a student pursuant to section 29 and, where applicable, by the amount allocated to a student pursuant to section 39.

* The Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses was made by Order in Council 344-2004 dated 7 April 2004 (2004, G.O. 2, 1211).

The maximum amount of a loan is increased by \$315 for each month in the year of allocation during which a student is in any of the situations referred to in subparagraphs 2 to 4 of the first paragraph of section 24.

The amount established in the second paragraph is increased to \$415 if the student attends an educational institution at the master's or doctoral level, or if the student has obtained an undergraduate degree in Québec or an undergraduate degree or the equivalent outside Québec and attends an educational institution at the undergraduate university level."

3. Section 59 is amended

(1) by replacing the amounts provided for respectively in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph by the following amounts:

- (1) "\$22,000";
- (2) "\$16,000";
- (3) "\$23,000";
- (4) "\$30,000";
- (5) "\$36,000";
- (6) "\$42,000";
- (7) "\$48,000";
- (8) "\$55,000";

(2) by replacing "\$25,000", "\$45,000" and "\$60,000" in the second paragraph by "\$27,000", "\$55,000" and "\$70,000" respectively.

4. Schedule II is amended by adding "in excess of \$1,200 per year of allocation" at the end of paragraph 6.

5. Despite section 29.1 of the Regulation, introduced by section 1 of this Regulation, a student who has received financial assistance from the Ministère de l'Éducation for the purchase of a computer is not eligible for the amount allocated pursuant to that section.

6. This Regulation comes into force on 1 September 2004, except section 3, which comes into force on 1 September 2006.