

The amount repaid every month may not be lower than \$56.

However, if the recoverable amount is owing because of a false statement, the amount to be repaid may not be less than \$112 per month or, in the case of more than one false statement, \$224 per month.

51. The recoverable amount must be repaid in full, without delay or further formality or notice, as soon as the debtor fails to comply with section 50 or with the agreement reached with the Minister pursuant to section 30 of the Act.

52. For the purposes of section 30 of the Act, the Minister shall deduct from each payment an amount equal to 20% of the amount of the benefits to be paid to the debtor. That amount corresponds to the benefits established under Division II of the Act, with the necessary modifications, less the income tax deductions payable under the Taxation Act and the Income Tax Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 1, 5th Supp.).

However, where an amount is owing because of a false statement, the Minister shall deduct from each payment an amount equal to 50% of the amount of the benefits to be paid to the debtor.

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53. Despite the second paragraph of section 20 of the Act, the qualifying period of a self-employed worker whose qualifying period is the 2005 calendar year may not be extended.

54. Despite section 4 of the Act respecting the parental insurance plan, the office of judge or presiding justice of the peace appointed in accordance with the Courts of Justice Act (R.S.Q., c. T-16) or the Act respecting municipal courts (R.S.Q., c. C-72.01) will become covered by the parental insurance plan only upon the requirements of Part VI.4 of the Courts of Justice Act being met as regards the inclusion in the judges' conditions of employment of a parental insurance plan providing for indemnities or benefits supplementary to the basic plan established by the Act respecting parental insurance.

The Order in Council establishing such a supplementary plan will determine a date as of which that office is to become covered by the Act respecting parental insurance.

55. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2006.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting parental insurance
(2001, c. 9; 2005, c. 13)

Parental insurance plan — Premium rates

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with section 10 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting premium rates under the parental insurance plan, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government with or without amendment on the expiry of 15 days following this publication.

Notice is also given, in accordance with section 13 of the Regulations Act, that the Regulation is published with a consultation period shorter than the period set out in section 11 of that Act, pursuant to section 107 of the Act to amend the Act respecting parental insurance and other legislative provisions (2005, c. 13).

The Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale having failed to make a regulation on the premium rates under the parental insurance plan within a period the Government considers reasonable, the Government may make the regulation pursuant to section 88 of the Act respecting parental insurance, amended by section 50 of the Act to amend the Act respecting parental insurance and other legislative provisions (2005, c. 13).

The Regulation determines the premium rates that will apply to employees, persons referred to in section 51 of the Parental Insurance Act (2001, c. 9), employers and self-employed workers, as of 1 January 2006.

The majority of persons and all businesses in Québec will be affected by the proposed premium rates which will have financial and administrative consequences. The financial implications of the parental insurance premium rate retained for 2006 for the purposes of the parental insurance plan will be in the order of 298 million dollars in additional costs reflecting the increase in maximum insurable earnings, the enhancements to the plan and the extension of the plan to self-employed workers. As for the administrative implications, the creation of the plan will require modification of payroll systems and supporting documents and tools.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Anne Gosselin, Direction des politiques du marché du travail, 425, rue Saint-Amable, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1; telephone: (418) 646-2546; fax: (418) 644-1299.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 15-day period, to the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

MICHELLE COURCHESNE,
Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity

Regulation respecting premium rates under the parental insurance plan

An Act respecting parental insurance
(2001, c. 9, ss. 6 and 88; 2005, c. 13, ss. 4 and 50)

1. The premium rate applicable to an employee and to a person referred to in section 51 of the Act is 0.416%.

The premium rate applicable to a self-employed worker is 0.737%.

The premium rate applicable to an employer is 0.583%.

2. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2006.

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