

(3) by replacing “\$860” in subparagraph 3 by “\$925”;

(4) by replacing “\$430” in subparagraph 4 by “\$465”.

5. Schedule III is amended by replacing “\$0.125” in section 26 by “\$0.145”.

6. 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)

Benefits

— 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 benefits, appearing below, may be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to provide the terms and conditions for applications for a retirement pension made by telephone. The purpose of the draft Regulation is also to determine the date of receipt of presumed applications for a retirement pension of contributors entitled to the additional pension and to specify the terms and conditions of payment following the beginning of payment of the additional pension. In addition, the draft Regulation harmonizes certain provisions of the Regulation with the institution of the civil union.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to André Trudeau, President and General Manager of the Régie des rentes du Québec, Place de la Cité, 2600, boulevard Laurier, 5^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1V 4T3. The comments will be

forwarded by the Régie to the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, who is responsible for the application of the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan.

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*Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity
and Minister responsible for the
Capitale-Nationale region*

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting benefits*

An Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan
(R.S.Q., c. R-9, s. 219; para. j.2, j.3 and k)

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting benefits is amended:

(1) by inserting, in the first paragraph, after the word “marriage”, the words “, civil union”;

2° by adding, at the end, the following paragraph:

“Proof of the dissolution or annulment of the civil union shall be made by filing a copy of the judgment of dissolution, the judgment of annulment or the notarized joint declaration of dissolution certified by the public officer with whom it was deposited.”

2. Section 3 of the Regulation is amended by inserting, after the word “marriage”, the words “, civil union”.

3. Section 9 of the Regulation is amended by adding, at the end, the following paragraph:

“Furthermore, a payment may be carried forward to the following six-month period if the amount thereof is less than 2 \$, provided such carrying forward does not exceed 5 years.”

4. The regulation is amended by inserting, after section 13, the following section:

“**13.1** An application for a retirement pension may be made to the Régie by telephone. In such case, the application is made the day on which the contributor expresses his desire to receive a retirement pension and provides the information required under the Act.”

* The last amendments to the Regulation respecting benefits, approved by Order in Council 967-94, dated 22 June 1994 (*G.O.* 1994, 2, 3213), were made by the Regulation approved by Order in Council 279-99 dated 24 March 1999 (*G.O.* 1999, 2, 754). For the preceding amendments, see the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2008, updated to 1 September 2008.

5. The Regulation is amended by inserting, after section 14, the following section:

“**14.1** A contributor who is not the beneficiary of a retirement pension under the Québec Pension Plan and who is entitled to an additional pension in accordance with section 120.3 of the Act is deemed to have made an application for a retirement pension the last day of the first year for which unadjusted pensionable earnings are related to months subsequent to the end of his contributory period, under the terms of subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 101 of the Act.”

6. Section 15 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by inserting, in the first paragraph, after the words “married spouses”, the words “or civil union spouses”;

(2) by replacing, in paragraph 2 of the first paragraph, the words, “marriage certificate”, with the words “certificate of marriage or civil union”;

(3) by inserting, at the beginning of paragraph 3 of the first paragraph, the words “in the case of married spouses,”;

(4) by inserting, in paragraph 4 of the first paragraph, after the words “prior to the spouses’ marriage”, the words “or civil union”;

(5) by replacing, in paragraph 2 of the second paragraph, the words “married to another person” with the words “joined by marriage or civil union to another person”.

7. Section 20 of the Regulation is amended by inserting, after the words “separation from bed and board”, the words “or a judgment of dissolution or annulment of civil union or a notarized transaction fixing the consequences of a dissolution of civil union”.

8. Section 21 of the Regulation is amended by inserting, in paragraph 5, after the words “prior to marriage”, the words “or civil union”.

9. Section 22.3 of the Regulation is amended by inserting, in the first paragraph, after the words “prior to marriage”, the words “or civil union”.

10. Section 24 of the Regulation is amended by inserting, in paragraph 2 of the first paragraph, following the number “120,” the number “120.3,”.

11. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.