

M.O., 2009**Order number 2009-011 of the Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities, responsible for the Act respecting immigration to Québec dated 30 September 2009**

An Act respecting immigration to Québec
(R.S.Q., c. I-0.2)

Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals

THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES,

CONSIDERING that, under section 3.4 of the Act respecting immigration to Québec (R.S.Q., c. I-0.2), the Minister may, by regulation, establish the weighting of selection criteria for foreign nationals;

CONSIDERING that, under that section, a regulation made by the Minister is not subject to the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) and, notwithstanding section 17 of that Act, may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, or on any later date fixed in the regulation;

CONSIDERING the desire to increase the number of skilled potential workers, particularly by selecting those whose area of training meets the priority needs of Québec;

CONSIDERING the Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals, made by Minister's Order 2006-012 dated 15 September 2006 (2006, *G.O.* 2, 3082) and amended by the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals, made by Minister's Order 2009-001 dated 15 January 2009 (2009, *G.O.* 2, 109);

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to replace the Regulation;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals, attached to this Order, is hereby made.

YOLANDE JAMES,
*Minister of Immigration and
Cultural Communities*

Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals

An Act respecting immigration to Québec
(R.S.Q., c. I-0.2, s. 3.4)

1. The weighting of the factors and criteria in the Selection Grid for the Economic Class in Schedule A to the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-23.1, r. 2), the cutoff scores for certain factors or criteria and the passing scores for all factors that apply to a foreign national, with or without an accompanying spouse or de facto spouse, who applies for a selection certificate are, per subclass of immigrants, as follows:

SUBCLASS I SKILLED WORKER

Factor 1. Training

Maximum = 28

	Criteria	Points
1.1 Education level <i>Maximum = 12</i> <i>Cutoff score = 2</i>	(a) secondary school general diploma	2
	(b) secondary school vocational diploma	6
	(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	4
	(d) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	6
	(e) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(f) secondary school vocational diploma or postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 or 2 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	10
	(g) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	8
	(h) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	10
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	4
	(j) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(k) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 or more years of full-time studies	10
	(l) master's degree attesting to 1 or more years of full-time studies	12
	(m) doctorate	12
1.2 Areas of training <i>Maximum = 16</i>	Section A of area I	16
	Section B of area I	12
	Section C of area I	6
	Section D of area I	2
	Section E of area I	0

Criteria	Points
Section F of area I	0
Section G of area I	0
Section A of area II	16
Section B of area II	12
Section C of area II	6
Section D of area II	2
Section E of area II	0
Section F of area II	0
Section G of area II	0

Factor 2. Experience**Maximum = 8**

Criteria	Points
2.1 Professional experience of skilled worker	
Less than 6 months	0
6 to 11 months	4
12 to 23 months	4
24 to 35 months	6
36 to 47 months	6
48 months or over	8

Factor 3. Age**Maximum = 16**

Criteria	Points
18 to 35 years of age	16
36 years of age	14
37 years of age	12
38 years of age	10
39 years of age	8
40 years of age	6
41 years of age	4
42 years of age	2
43 years of age or older	0

Factor 4. Language proficiency**Maximum = 22**

Criteria	Points
4.1 French	
(a) oral interaction	0 to 16
(b) written comprehension	0
<i>Maximum = 16</i>	
4.2 English	
(a) oral interaction	0 to 6
(b) written comprehension	0
<i>Maximum = 6</i>	

Factor 5. Stay and family in Québec**Maximum = 8**

	Criteria	Points
5.1 Stay in Québec <i>Maximum = 5</i>	(a) to study for 1 regular full-time semester	5
	(b) to study for 2 regular full-time semesters	5
	(c) to work for at least 3 months	5
	(d) to work for at least 6 months	5
	(e) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 3 months	5
	(f) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 6 months	5
	(g) for business for at least 1 week	0
	(h) other stay for at least 2 weeks	1
	(i) other stay for at least 3 months	2
5.2 Family in Québec <i>Maximum = 3</i>	(a) spouse or de facto spouse	3
	(b) son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister	3
	(c) grandfather or grandmother	3
	(d) uncle or aunt, nephew or niece	0

Factor 6. Characteristics of the accompanying spouse or de facto spouse**Maximum = 16**

	Criteria	Points
6.1 Education level <i>Maximum = 3</i>	(a) secondary school general diploma	1
	(b) secondary school vocational diploma	2
	(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	1
	(d) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	2
	(e) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	2
	(f) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	3
	(g) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	1
	(h) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	2
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 or more years of full-time studies	3
	(j) master's degree attesting to 1 or more years of full-time studies	3
	(k) doctorate	3

	Criteria	Points
6.2 Areas of training <i>Maximum = 4</i>	Section A of area I	4
	Section B of area I	3
	Section C of area I	2
	Section D of area I	1
	Section E of area I	0
	Section F of area I	0
	Section G of area I	0
	Section A of area II	4
	Section B of area II	3
	Section C of area II	2
	Section D of area II	1
	Section E of area II	0
	Section F of area II	0
	Section G of area II	0
6.3 Professional experience	6 to 11 months	0
	12 months or more	0
6.4 Age <i>Maximum = 3</i>	18 to 35 years of age	3
	36 years of age	2
	37 years of age	2
	38 years of age	2
	39 years of age	2
	40 years of age	1
	41 years of age	1
	42 years of age	1
43 years of age or older	0	
6.5 Language proficiency	(a) oral interaction in French	0 to 6
	(b) written comprehension in French	0
<i>Maximum = 6</i>		

Factor 7. Validated employment offer**Maximum = 10**

Criteria	Points
7.1 Validated employment offer in the metropolitan area of Montréal	6
7.2 Validated employment offer outside the metropolitan area of Montréal	10

Factor 8. Children **Maximum = 8**

Criteria	Points
8.1 for each child 12 years of age or younger	4
8.2 for each child 13 to 21 years of age	2

Factor 9. Financial self-sufficiency **Maximum = 1**

Criteria	Points
<i>Cutoff score = 1</i> Making of a contract	0 or 1

Factor 10. Adaptability **Maximum = 6**

Criteria	Points
Overall assessment	0 to 6

PRELIMINARY PROCESSING	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant without spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 6 and 10	49 points	101 points
	Employability cutoff score: total of factors 1 to 7, except 6	42 points	92 points
Applicant with spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 10	57 points	117 points
	Employability cutoff score: total of factors 1 to 7	50 points	108 points
SELECTION	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant without spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 6	55 points	107 points
	All	63 points	123 points

**SUBCLASS II
SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON****Factor 1. Training** **Maximum = 12**

Criteria	Points
1.1 Education level	
(a) secondary school general diploma	2
(b) secondary school vocational diploma	6

	Criteria	Points
	(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	4
	(d) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	6
	(e) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(f) secondary school vocational diploma or postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 or 2 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0
	(g) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	8
	(h) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	4
	(j) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(k) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 or more years of full-time studies	10
	(l) master's degree attesting to 1 or more years of full-time studies	12
	(m) doctorate	12
1.2	Areas of training Sections A to G of area I or II	0

Factor 2. Experience**Maximum = 16**

	Criteria	Points
2.2	Professional experience of self-employed person	
	Less than 2 years	0
	2 years	7
	2½ years	7
	3 years	10
	3½ years	10
	4 years	14
	4½ years	14
	5 years	16

Cutoff score = 7

Factor 3. Age**Maximum = 10**

Criteria	Points
18 to 38 years of age	10
39 years of age	8
40 years of age	6
41 years of age	4
42 years of age	2
43 years of age or older	0

Factor 4. Language proficiency**Maximum = 22**

Criteria	Points	
4.1 French	(a) oral interaction	0 to 16
	(b) written comprehension	0
4.2 English	(a) oral interaction	0 to 6
	(b) written comprehension	0

Factor 5. Stay and family in Québec**Maximum = 8**

Criteria	Points	
5.1 Stay in Québec	(a) to study for 1 regular full-time semester	5
	(b) to study for 2 regular full-time semesters	5
<i>Maximum = 5</i>	(c) to work for at least 3 months	5
	(d) to work for at least 6 months	5
	(e) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 3 months	5
	(f) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 6 months	5
	(g) for business for at least 1 week	2
	(h) other stay for at least 2 weeks	1
	(i) other stay for at least 3 months	2
5.2 Family in Québec	(a) spouse or de facto spouse	3
	(b) son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister	3
<i>Maximum = 3</i>	(c) grandfather or grandmother	3
	(d) uncle or aunt, nephew or niece	0

Factor 6. Characteristics of the accompanying spouse or de facto spouse**Maximum = 12**

	Criteria	Points
6.1 Education level	(a) secondary school general diploma	1
<i>Maximum = 3</i>	(b) secondary school vocational diploma	2
	(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	1
	(d) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	2
	(e) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	2
	(f) postsecondary technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	3
	(g) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	1
	(h) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	2
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	3
	(j) master's degree attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	3
	(k) doctorate	3
		Criteria
6.2 Areas of training	Sections A to G of area I or II	0
6.3 Professional experience	6 months or more	0
6.4 Age	18 to 35 years of age	3
	36 to 39 years of age	2
	40 to 42 years of age	1
	43 years of age or older	0
6.5 Language proficiency	(a) oral interaction in French	0 to 6
	(b) written comprehension in French	0

Factor 9. Financial self-sufficiency**Maximum = 1**

	Criteria	Points
<i>Cutoff score = 1</i>	Making of a contract	0 or 1

Factor 10. Adaptability**Maximum = 6**

Criteria	points
Overall assessment	0 to 6

Factor 11. Financial resources**Maximum = 6**

Criteria	points
<i>Cutoff score = 4</i>	
Less than \$100,000	0
\$100,000	4
\$125,000	5
\$150,000	5
\$200,000 or more	6

PRELIMINARY PROCESSING	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant without spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 6 and 10	38 points	75 points
Applicant with spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 10	45 points	87 points

SELECTION	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant without spouse or de facto spouse	All, except 6	44 points	81 points
Applicant with spouse or de facto spouse	All	51 points	93 points

**SUBCLASS III
ENTREPRENEUR****Factor 1. Training****Maximum = 12**

Criteria	Points
1.1 Education level	
(a) secondary school general diploma	2
(b) secondary school vocational diploma	6
(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	4
(d) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	6
(e) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
(f) secondary school vocational diploma or postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 or 2 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0

	Criteria	Points
	(g) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	8
	(h) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	4
	(j) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(k) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 or more years of full-time studies	10
	(l) master's degree attesting to 1 or more years of full-time studies	12
	(m) doctorate	12
1.2	Areas of training Sections A to G of area I or II	0

Factor 2. Experience**Maximum = 12**

	Criteria	Points
2.3	Experience in the operation of an enterprise of the entrepreneur	
	Less than 2 years	0
	2 years	6
	2½ years	6
	3 years	8
	3½ years	8
	4 years	10
<i>Cutoff score = 6</i>	4½ years	10
	5 years or more	12

Factor 3. Age**Maximum = 10**

	Criteria	Points
	18 to 45 years of age	10
	46 years of age	8
	47 years of age	6
	48 years of age	4
	49 years of age	2
	50 years of age	0

Factor 4. Language proficiency **Maximum = 22**

	Criteria	Points
4.1 French	(a) oral interaction	0 to 16
	(b) written comprehension	0
4.2 English	(a) oral interaction	0 to 6
	(b) written comprehension	0

Factor 5. Stay and family in Québec **Maximum = 8**

	Criteria	Points
5.1 Stay in Québec <i>Maximum = 5</i>	(a) to study for 1 regular full-time semester	5
	(b) to study for at least 2 regular full-time semesters	5
	(c) to work for at least 3 months	5
	(d) to work for at least 6 months	5
	(e) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 3 months	5
	(f) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 6 months	5
	(g) for business for at least 1 week	4
	(h) other stay for at least 2 weeks	1
	(i) other stay for at least 3 months	2
5.2 Family in Québec <i>Maximum = 3</i>	(a) spouse or de facto spouse	3
	(b) son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister	3
	(c) grandfather or grandmother	3
	(d) uncle or aunt, nephew or niece	0

Factor 9. Financial self-sufficiency **Maximum = 1**

	Criteria	Points
<i>Cutoff score = 1</i>	Making of a contract	0 or 1

Factor 10. Adaptability **Maximum = 5**

	Criteria	Points
	Overall assessment	0 to 5

Factor 11. Financial resources**Maximum = 10**

	Criteria	Points
<i>Cutoff score = 6</i>	Less than \$300,000	0
	\$300,000	6
	\$350,000	6
	\$400,000	8
	\$450,000	8
	\$500,000 or more	10

Factor 12. Business project**Maximum = 30**

	Criteria	Points
12.1 Ability to carry out a business project in Québec	(a) market exploration	0 to 10
	(b) feasibility of project	0 to 15
	(c) financial resources	0 or 5

*Cutoff score = 18***OR**

12.2 Acquisition of an enterprise in Québec	0 or 30
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Cutoff score = 30

PRELIMINARY PROCESSING	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant with or without spouse or de facto spouse	2, 9 and 11	13 points	23 points

SELECTION	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
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Processing of application in relation to factor 12.1

Applicant with or without spouse or de facto spouse	All	50 points	110 points
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SELECTION	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
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Processing of application in relation to factor 12.2

Applicant with or without spouse or de facto spouse	All	60 points	110 points
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**SUBCLASS IV
INVESTOR**

Factor 1. Training

Maximum = 12

	Criteria	Points
1.1 Education level	(a) secondary school general diploma	2
	(b) secondary school vocational diploma	6
	(c) postsecondary school general diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	4
	(d) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	6
	(e) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(f) secondary school vocational diploma or postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 1 or 2 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0
	(g) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies	8
	(h) postsecondary school technical diploma attesting to 3 years of full-time studies in training contemplated in section A or B of area I or II of criteria 1.2	0
	(i) undergraduate diploma attesting to 1 year of full-time studies	4
	(j) undergraduate diploma attesting to 2 years of full-time studies	6
	(k) undergraduate diploma attesting to 3 or more years of full-time studies	10
	(l) master's degree attesting to 1 or more years of full-time studies	12
	(m) doctorate	12
1.2 Areas of training	Sections A to G of area I or II	0

Factor 2. Experience

Maximum = 10

	Criteria	Points
2.4 Management experience of investor	Less than 2 years	0
	2 years or more	10

Cutoff score = 10

Factor 3. Age**Maximum = 10**

Criteria	Points
18 to 45 years of age	10
46 years of age	8
47 years of age	6
48 years of age	4
49 years of age	2
50 years of age	0

Factor 4. Language proficiency**Maximum = 22**

Criteria	Points	
4.1 French	(a) oral interaction (b) written comprehension	0 to 16 0
4.2 English	(a) oral interaction (b) written comprehension	0 to 6 0

Factor 5. Stay and family in Québec**Maximum = 8**

Criteria	Points	
5.1 Stay in Québec	(a) to study for 1 regular full-time semester (b) to study for at least 2 regular full-time semesters (c) to work for at least 3 months (d) to work for at least 6 months (e) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 3 months (f) as part of a youth exchange program contemplated by an international agreement made by Québec or an international agreement made by Canada, if work was the main activity for at least 6 months (g) for business for at least 1 week (h) other stay for at least 2 weeks (i) other stay for at least 3 months	5 5 5 5 0 0 2 1 2
5.2 Family in Québec	(a) spouse or de facto spouse (b) son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister (c) grandfather or grandmother (d) uncle or aunt, nephew or niece	3 3 3 0

Maximum = 5

Maximum = 3

Factor 10. Adaptability**Maximum = 5**

Criteria	Points
Overall assessment	0 to 5

Factor 13. Investment agreement**Maximum = 25**

Criteria		Points	
<i>Cutoff score = 25</i>	In compliance with the Regulation	0 or 25	
SELECTION	APPLICABLE FACTORS	PASSING SCORE	MAXIMUM SCORE
Applicant with or without spouse or de facto spouse	All	40 points	92 points

2. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals made by Minister's Order 2006-12 dated 15 September 2006 (2006, G.O. 2, 3082) and amended by the Regulation made by Minister's Order 2009-001 dated 15 January 2009 (2009, G.O. 2, 109).

3. This Regulation comes into force on 14 October 2009.