

Draft Regulation

Individual and Family Assistance Act
(R.S.Q., c. A-13.1.1)

Individual and Family Assistance — Amendment

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 Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes various amendments regarding last resort financial assistance intended mainly to implement undertakings made in connection with the 2010-2015 Government Action Plan for Solidarity and Social Inclusion.

In order to increase the attractiveness of work and foster the financial self-sufficiency of social solidarity recipients, the draft Regulation is to extend from 6 to 48 months the right to a claim booklet for families composed of two adults who are recipients under the Social Solidarity Program, as is already the case for independent adults. It also provides for the abolition of the eligibility requirements for and the conditions of maintaining the claim booklet relating to the maximum threshold of \$1,500 applicable to certain income.

In order to supplement the income of underprivileged individuals and strengthen the social safety net, the draft Regulation provides for the automatic annual adjustment of certain amounts prescribed in the Regulation, including the basic benefit under the Social Assistance Program, the temporarily limited capacity allowance and the social solidarity allowance, based on the adjustment factor and the rounding off rule established in accordance with the Taxation Act. It also proposes to annually increase the basic benefit of an independent adult or an adult member of a family who resides in the same dwelling unit as the adult's father or mother and the benefit that applies to an ineligible student's spouse in the same situation, in order to maintain the current difference with the basic benefit.

The draft Regulation is intended to increase the partial exclusion of the child support income received by a family that includes at least one dependent child, from \$100 per month per family with dependent children to \$100 per month per dependent child.

Lastly, the draft Regulation provides that the contact information of the Service des pensions alimentaires will now be available on the website of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Christine Brockman, Direction des politiques de prestations, Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1; telephone: 418 644-0739; fax: 418 644-1299.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

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Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

Individual and Family Assistance Act
(R.S.Q., c. A-13.1.1, s. 132, pars. 1, 3, 10, 11 and 19,
ss. 133 and 136)

1. The Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (R.R.Q., c. A-13.1.1, r. 1) is amended by replacing subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 48 by the following:

“(3) for not more than 48 consecutive months if ineligibility for the Social Solidarity Program results from work income earned by the independent adult or an adult member of the family;”.

2. Section 50 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

“The same applies if, after the first month of ineligibility, the work income of the independent adult or family referred to in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 48 is replaced by benefits granted under the Employment Insurance Act, other than those referred to in the first paragraph and, without reference to those benefits, the resources of the independent adult or family fall short of the amount necessary to meet their needs.”.

3. Paragraph 21 of section 111 is replaced by the following:

“(21) periodic payments of support received by a family, up to \$100 per month per dependent child;”.

4. Section 174 is replaced by the following:

“174. For the purposes of section 64 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act, a creditor of support must inform the Minister of any agreement or judicial proceeding by sending a copy thereof within the specified time to the Service des pensions alimentaires of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale.

The address of the Service des pensions alimentaires is published on the department's website.”.

5. The following is added after section 177:

**“DIVISION III
BENEFIT INCREASE**

177.1. The amounts referred to in the third paragraph are increased, on 1 January of each year, based on the adjustment factor established in the first, second and third paragraphs of section 750.2 of the Income Tax Act for that year.

If an amount that results from the adjustment provided for in the first paragraph is not a multiple of \$1, it must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1 or, if it is equidistant from two such multiples, to the higher thereof.

The following amounts are subject to the increase referred to in the first paragraph:

(1) the amount referred to in the second paragraph of section 52;

(2) the second and third amounts referred to in the third paragraph of section 52;

(3) the amount referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 52;

(4) the amount referred to in the second paragraph of section 53;

(5) the second and third amounts referred to in the third paragraph of section 53;

(6) the amount referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 53;

(7) the amounts referred to in section 56;

(8) the first amount referred to in section 59;

(9) the amounts referred to in sections 60, 64 and in the second paragraph of section 75;

(10) the amount referred to in the second paragraph of section 116;

(11) the second and third amounts referred to in the third paragraph of section 116;

(12) the amount referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 116; and

(13) the amounts referred to in sections 132, 156 and 157.

177.2. The second, third, fifth and sixth amounts referred to in the first paragraph of section 53 are of \$5,000 each, to which the first, second, third and fourth amounts referred to in the first paragraph of section 132 are added respectively, as adjusted on 1 January of each year.

177.3. The amounts referred to in the first paragraph of section 57 are increased by the amount necessary to maintain a difference of \$100 with the amounts of the basic benefits referred to in section 56, as adjusted on 1 January of each year.

177.4. The second amount referred to in section 59 is increased by the amount necessary to maintain a difference of \$50 with the first amount referred to in section 59, as adjusted on 1 January of each year.

177.5. The Minister is to inform the public of the adjustment and increase under this Division through Part 1 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and by such other means as the Minister considers appropriate.”.

6. Sections 199 to 201 and 206 are revoked.

7. This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2011.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases
(R.S.Q., c. A-3.001)

**Medical aid
— Amendment**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting medical aid, appearing below, may be made by the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail and submitted to the Government for approval, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 455 of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (R.S.Q., c. A-3.001), on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.