

(3) by replacing the table of wage rates in paragraph 3 by the following:

<b>“Employment category</b>	<b>As of</b> <i>(insert the date of coming into force of this Decree)</i>	<b>As of</b> <i>(insert the date that occurs 12 months after the date of coming into force of this Decree)</i>	<b>As of</b> <i>(insert the date that occurs 24 months after the date of coming into force of this Decree)</i>
1- Helper	\$18.26	\$18.81	\$19.19
2- Driver, class I	\$18.63	\$19.19	\$19.57
3- Driver, class II	\$18.80	\$19.36	\$19.75
4- Driver, class III	\$19.48	\$20.06	\$20.46
5- Driver, class IV	\$20.17	\$20.78	\$21.20
6- Mechanic, welder			
1st grade	\$13.06	\$13.45	\$13.72
2nd grade	\$19.14	\$19.71	\$20.10
7- Serviceman			
1st grade	\$13.06	\$13.45	\$13.72
2nd grade	\$18.79	\$19.35	\$19.74”.

**2.** This Decree comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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## Draft Regulation

An Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services (R.S.Q., c. A-14)

### Legal aid

#### — 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 legal aid, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation will gradually increase, over a 3-year period, the eligibility thresholds for gratuitous legal aid or legal aid in return of a contribution. That increase will take place on 1 June of each of the 2012 to 2014 years.

That increase will be made in addition to the threshold increase, on 1 January of each of those years, already provided for in the Regulation respecting legal aid, which

is equivalent to the increase applicable to any benefits under the Social Solidarity Program, paid pursuant to the Individual and Family Assistance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-13.1.1) to persons who have a severely limited capacity for employment.

The draft Regulation will have an impact on the legal aid clientele. The new financial eligibility thresholds will make access to legal aid easier. On the other hand, the amount of the contributions to be paid by clients eligible for legal aid according to the contributory scale will remain the same, despite increased financial eligibility thresholds.

To date, study of the matter has revealed that the amendments will have no financial impact on enterprises, in particular small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Andrée Giguère, Bureau du sous-ministre, ministère de la Justice, 1200, route de l'Église, 9<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1V 4M1; telephone: 418 643-4090; fax: 418 643-3877; email: andree.giguere@justice.gouv.qc.ca

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Justice, 1200, route de l'Église, 9<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1V 4M1.

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## **Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting legal aid**

An Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services  
(R.S.Q., c. A-14, s. 80, 1st par., subpars. *a.4* and *a.5*)

**1.** The annual levels of income provided for in paragraph 1 of section 18 and section 20 of the Regulation respecting legal aid (c. A-14, r. 2), as established on 1 January of each of the 2012 to 2014 years in accordance with section 21.0.1 of the Regulation, are increased on 1 June of each of those years, by

(a) 1.65% for the annual levels of income provided for in paragraph 1 of section 18;

(b) 10.5% for the annual levels of income provided for in section 20.

The income provided for in section 21 of the Regulation respecting legal aid are adjusted, on 1 June of each of the 2012 to 2014 years, to take those increases into account.

**2.** The amounts resulting from the increases and adjustments provided for in section 1 of this Regulation are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

**3.** The Minister of Justice is to inform the public of the result of the increases and adjustments provided for in this Regulation by publishing a notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* showing, in a table, the financial eligibility thresholds thus increased for the year in question and giving the date on which they take effect. The Minister may also make that information available using any other means the Minister considers appropriate.

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