

Draft Regulations

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Individual and Family Assistance Act
(chapter A-13.1.1)

Individual and family assistance — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter 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.

Under the Social Assistance Program, the draft Regulation increases, in the form of a monthly adjustment, the financial assistance granted to independent adults without limited capacity for employment who meet certain eligibility requirements. The amount of the adjustment will gradually increase from 1 February 2014 and will reach its maximum on 1 January 2017.

The draft Regulation has no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting François Roussin, 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: 418 646-0425, extension 62571; fax: 418 644-1299; email: francois.roussin@mess.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 Employment and Social Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

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Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity

Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

Individual and Family Assistance Act
(chapter A-13.1.1, s. 132, par. 7, and ss. 133 and 136)

1. The Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) is amended by replacing “Ajustement” in the heading of sub-division 2.1 of Division II of Chapter III of Title IV of the French text by “Ajustements”.

2. The following is added after section 67.2:

“**67.3.** The basic benefit is adjusted by \$20 in the case of an independent adult who meets the following conditions:

(1) he or she has been a recipient for at least 6 consecutive months;

(2) a temporarily limited capacity allowance has not been added to his or her benefit;

(3) he or she is not required to reside in a half-way house, except if he or she is an accused referred to in section 26.1, and is not sheltered by a foster home, by an intermediate resource or within the meaning of section 4;

(4) he or she does not live in a dwelling in low-rental housing within the meaning of article 1984 of the Civil Code, or a dwelling for which an amount is paid in discharge of rent under the National Housing Act (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, chapter N-11);

(5) he or she does not receive a special benefit under section 88.1;

(6) he or she is not the spouse of an ineligible student.

The calculation of consecutive months required for eligibility for the adjustment includes the months during which an independent adult is eligible to receive dental and pharmaceutical services pursuant to section 48.

Despite paragraph 13 of section 111, the amount of the adjustment is reduced by the amount the independent adult received the previous month as housing allowance under a program implemented pursuant to section 3.1 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8).

In the case of an independent adult covered by paragraph 1 or 2 of section 47, the adjustment is added to the adjustment provided for in section 67.1, if applicable.”

3. Section 155 is amended by replacing “, subdivision 1 of Division II” by “, subdivision 1 of Division II of Chapter III of Title IV, section 67.3.”

4. The following is added after section 166:

“**166.1.** For the month of application, the basic benefit may be adjusted in accordance with section 67.3 if the conditions set out therein are met and the application is made during the period of 6 consecutive months provided for in that section or during the month following that period.”

5. Despite section 2 of this Regulation, the amount of the adjustment provided for in the first paragraph of section 67.3 of the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) is the following:

(1) from 1 January to 31 December 2015: \$30;

(2) from 1 January to 31 December 2016: \$40;

(3) from 1 January 2017: \$50.

6. This Regulation comes into force on 1 February 2014.