

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Regulation

An Act respecting municipal taxation  
(chapter F-2.1)

#### Equalization scheme — 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 Regulation respecting the equalization scheme, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting the equalization scheme (chapter F-2.1, r. 11) in order to follow up on the Partnership 2020-2024: Towards stronger municipalities and regions, entered into between the Gouvernement du Québec and the municipalities, which provides for the creation of a new part in the equalization program for local municipalities with a population of less than 15,000 inhabitants that face economic health challenges. The proposed measures set out eligibility requirements and rules for determining the sum that municipalities are entitled to under this new part.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Robin Hémond, Direction de la fiscalité, Ministère des affaires municipales et de l'habitation, 10, rue Pierre Olivier Chauveau, 5<sup>e</sup> étage, La Tour, Québec (Québec) G1R 4J3; telephone: 418 691-2015, extension 3707; email: robin.hemond@mamh.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Robin Hémond at the above-mentioned contact information.

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*Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the equalization scheme

An Act respecting municipal taxation  
(chapter F-2.1, s. 262, 1st par., subpar. 7)

**1.** The Regulation respecting the equalization scheme (chapter F-2.1, r. 11) is amended in section 1 by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

“**1.** An equalization scheme comprising 3 parts is established; the first part is more general and covers a certain number of municipalities, the second part covers a smaller number of municipalities whose average value of the dwellings is less than the median, and the third part covers municipalities with a population of less than 15,000 inhabitants and that are facing economic health challenges”.

**2.** The heading of Division II of Chapter II and the first paragraph of section 5 are amended in the French version only by replacing “second” by “deuxième”.

**3.** The following division is inserted after section 5:

#### “DIVISION II.1 SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE THIRD PART

**5.1.** Any local municipality in respect of which the following conditions are met for the current fiscal year is eligible under the third part:

(1) is eligible under the first or second part of the equalization scheme;

(2) its population is less than 15,000 inhabitants;

(3) its economic health index is in the third, fourth or fifth quintile of the last economic health index list available.

A local municipality that meets the conditions in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph but does not have an economic health index is eligible under the third part.

For every fiscal year during which an amalgamation comes into force, the economic health index selected for a local municipality resulting from an amalgamation is the smallest and most recent available among those of each of the former municipalities whose territories have been amalgamated but it is replaced where an update of the economic health index is available for the municipality resulting from the amalgamation.”.

**4.** The heading of Division III of Chapter II is amended by replacing “BOTH” by “THE 3”.

**5.** Section 6 is amended by replacing “section 4 or 5” by “sections 4, 5 and 5.1”.

**6.** Section 7 is amended by replacing “sections 4, 5 and 6” by “sections 4, 5, 5.1 and 6”.

**7.** The heading of Division I of Chapter III is amended by replacing “BOTH” by “THE 3”.

**8.** Section 18 is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

“**18.** The sum to be apportioned between the eligible municipalities for the current fiscal year is \$37,705,000 under the first part and \$22,295,000 under the second part. Under the third part, the sum to be apportioned is \$2,000,000 in 2020 and \$7,000,000 annually, beginning on 1 January 2021.”

**9.** Section 29 is amended by replacing “the number of units” in the first paragraph by “the number of dwellings included in the units”.

**10.** The following is inserted after section 32:

**“DIVISION IV.1  
SPECIAL CALCULATION RULES UNDER  
THE THIRD PART**

**32.1.** The equalization amount for each municipality eligible under the third part is the result of the following formula:

$$A / B \times C.$$

For the purposes of the formula:

(1) the letter A represents the total of the sums to be apportioned under the first part and the second part of the municipality eligible under the third part;

(2) the letter B represents the total of the sums to be apportioned under the first and second part of all the municipalities eligible under the third part;

(3) the letter C represents the sum to be apportioned under the third part, in accordance with section 18.”

**11.** Section 34 is amended

(1) by replacing “this Division” in the first paragraph by “this Chapter”;

(2) by replacing “this Division” in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by “this Chapter”.

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

## Draft Regulation

Private Security Act  
(chapter S-3.5)

### Regulation under the Act — 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 Regulation under the Private Security Act, made by the Bureau de la sécurité privée and appearing below, may be submitted to the Minister of Public Security who may approve it, with or without amendments, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to revise the Regulation under the Private Security Act (chapter S-3.5, r. 1), in particular to clarify certain requirements that concern agent and agency licence applications, to modify the fee adjustment process so as to achieve greater indexing coherence for the entire fee schedule, and to reflect the new fee structure for background checks made by the Sûreté du Québec for persons applying for and holding an agent licence. The latter regulatory amendment will reduce the fees paid by an agent during the 5-year period in which the agent’s licence is valid.

A further purpose of the draft Regulation is to have licence applicants submit full and compliant application forms. It also proposes that the work of analysing applications done by the Bureau be taken into account and, in that regard, that if the Bureau refuses to issue or renew a licence, the fees for an agent licence will no longer be reimbursed and only one-half of those for an agency licence will be. That regulatory amendment will have little impact on persons and enterprises in view of the fact that, out of all the applications made, only a small number are refused or not renewed.

The draft Regulation also proposes to introduce additional conditions to be met before an agent licence will be issued. An applicant will be required to have Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status or a work permit issued by the competent Canadian immigration authorities. As well, the applicant must be in a physical and mental condition such that he or she is able to carry on the private security activity for which a licence is applied for. Amendments are also made to give the Bureau the authority to require applicants to submit the documents necessary to verify that those conditions are met.