

Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 639-2020, 17 June 2020

General and Vocational Colleges Act
(chapter C-29)

Amended College Education Regulations owing to the COVID-19 pandemic

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WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 18 of the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29), the Government establishes, by regulation, the College Education Regulations;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of that section, regulations shall pertain to the general organizational framework of college education, in particular as regards the admission and registration of students, programs of studies, the evaluation of learning achievement and the certification of studies, and may determine the respective powers and duties of the Minister and of colleges in such matters;

WHEREAS the Government made the College Education Regulations (chapter C-29, r. 4);

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 18 of the College Education Regulations, during the period beginning on 1 July of a year and ending on 30 June of the following year, a college must organize at least 2 terms, each having a minimum of 82 days allotted to teaching and evaluation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 18 of the Act, a draft copy of the regulation has been submitted to the Conseil supérieur de l'Éducation for preliminary examination;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency and suspended educational and teaching services;

WHEREAS, under section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without having been published if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under section 13 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of such publication must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS, under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it; the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies the absence of publication and such coming into force of the Amended College Education Regulations owing to the COVID-19 pandemic:

—the importance of ensuring the validity of the winter 2020 term, which is to end no later than 30 June, and of seeing that the services offered during the following terms are not compromised;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Education and Higher Education:

THAT the Amended College Education Regulations owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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General and Vocational Colleges Act
(chapter C-29, s. 18, 1st and 2nd pars.)

1. Despite section 18 of the College Education Regulations (chapter C-29, r. 4), a term beginning between 1 January and 30 June 2020 must have a minimum of 60 days allotted to teaching and evaluation.

2. This Regulation comes into force on 25 June 2020.

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