

(2) by inserting “, head immobilizers” in paragraph 3 after “backboards”;

(3) by inserting the following paragraph at the end:

Despite subparagraphs 1 and 2, the employer may provide equipment that combines the characteristics and functions of the stretcher and backboard on work sites at one or more places determined by the health and safety committee or, in the absence of such a committee, by the employer.”

2. Section 27 is replaced by the following:

“27. Every worker who fells a tree manually using a hand-held chain saw must

(1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have received theoretical and hands-on occupational health and safety training according to the content of the course entitled *Santé et sécurité en abattage manuel* (234-361) of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur; and

(3) hold a certificate issued by a body designated by the Commission attesting that the worker received such training.

This section does not apply to students undergoing supervised training as part of a study program.”

3. The following is inserted at the beginning of Division VI:

“43.1. For the purposes of this Division, individual protective equipment meets the prescribed obligations if it

(1) complies with the most recent version or the previous version of the indicated standard; and

(2) it has not reached the expiry date provided by the manufacturer, if any.”

4. Section 44 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph, by replacing “CAN/CSA Z94.1-05” by “CAN/CSA Z94.1” and by inserting “or NF EN standard 397+A1, Industrial Safety Helmets,” after “Use,”;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

5. Section 45 is amended by replacing “CSA standard CAN/CSA Z94.3-07, Eye and Face Protectors,” in the first paragraph by “CSA standard Z94.3, American National Standard For Occupational And Educational Personal Eye And Face Protection Devices ANSI/ISEA Z87.1, or NF EN standard 166, Personal Eye Protection — Specifications,”

6. Section 46 is amended

(1) by replacing “CSA standard CAN/CSA Z195-02, Protective Footwear,” in the first paragraph by “CAN/CSA standard Z195, Personal Protective Equipment – Protective Footwear ISO 20345, or NF EN ISO 17249, Safety Footwear with Resistance to Chain Saw Cutting,”;

(2) by adding “Despite the first paragraph,” at the beginning of the last paragraph.

7. Section 48 is amended by replacing “Class A standards of CAN/BNQ 1923-450-M91, Leg Protective Device for Chain Saw Users,” by “NF EN standard 381-5, Protective clothing for users of hand-held chain saws – Part 5: Requirements for leg protectors, or Class A, C or D standards of ASTM F3325-18, Standard Specification for Leg-Protective Devices for Chainsaw Users,”

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8. Despite section 48, until (*insert the date occurring 2 years after the coming into force of this Regulation*), a worker may wear pants complying with Class A standards of CAN/BNQ 1923-450-M91, Leg Protective Device for Chain Saw Users, when using a chain saw.

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

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Draft Regulation

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.

The draft Regulation implements various measures included in the Government Action Plan to Foster Economic Inclusion and Social Participation 2017-2023.

The amendments enhance the adjustment to the benefits granted under last resort financial assistance programs, including the adjustment paid to persons and families that are recipients under the Social Solidarity Program based on the time elapsed since they have been recipients and the Aim for Employment Program.

The draft Regulation allows recipients under last resort financial assistance programs and the Aim for Employment Program who receive benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic to be eligible to receive a claim booklet and, in certain cases, for certain special benefits.

The draft Regulation provides that the months in which a person or family that is a recipient under the Social Solidarity Program is eligible to receive a claim booklet may be taken into consideration when allocating the adjustment granted to persons or families that are recipients under the program for 66 months in the preceding 72 months.

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 France Edma and Anne Paradis, Direction des politiques d'assistance sociale, Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, 425, rue Jacques-Parizeau, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1; telephone: 418 809-7259; email: france.edma@mtess.gouv.qc.ca and anne.paradis@mtess.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 Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, 425, rue Jacques-Parizeau, 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
(chapter A-13.1.1, s. 132, pars. 3 and 7, s. 133, par. 2, s. 133.1, pars. 5 and 6, and s. 136)

1. The Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) is amended in section 48

(1) by inserting the following after subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph:

“(1.1) for not more than 6 consecutive months if the ineligibility results from sums received by the independent adult or an adult member of the family as benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic;”;

(2) by inserting the following after subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph:

“(3.1) for not more than 48 consecutive months if ineligibility for the Social Solidarity Program results from sums received by the independent adult or an adult member of the family as benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic;”;

(3) by inserting “or 3.1” after “subparagraph 3” in the second paragraph.

2. Section 50 is replaced by the following:

“**50.** An independent adult or a family referred to in subparagraph 1, 1.1, 3 or 3.1 of the first paragraph of section 48 may continue to be eligible to receive dental and pharmaceutical services if, after the first month of ineligibility, the income or sums referred to in those subparagraphs are replaced by maternity, paternity, parental or adoption benefits under the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011), maternity, parental or compassionate care benefits under the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23) or in the case of work income, by benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and, in all cases, without reference to the work income and those benefits, the resources of the independent adult or family fall short of the amount necessary to meet their needs.

The same applies if, after the first month of ineligibility, the income or sums referred to in subparagraph 3 or 3.1 of the first paragraph of section 48 are replaced by benefits 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. Section 51 is amended

(1) by replacing “3” in the first paragraph by “3.1”;

(2) by inserting “or the sums received as benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic” after “work income” in the first paragraph;

(3) by replacing “or because of work income” in the second paragraph by “, because of work income or sums received as benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic”.

4. Section 67.4 is amended by replacing “\$35” by “\$45”.

5. Section 157.1 is amended

(1) by replacing “\$93” and “\$108” in the first paragraph by “\$103” and “\$118”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “\$215” and “\$160” in the second paragraph by “\$290” and “\$190”, respectively;

(3) by inserting the following after the second paragraph:

“For calculating the months required for eligibility to the adjustment provided for in the second paragraph, the months during which a person receives as an adult dental and pharmaceutical services pursuant to section 48 are taken into consideration.”.

6. Section 177.17 is amended

(1) by inserting “or the sums received by the participant or by the participant’s spouse as benefits to compensate for the loss of employment income that are paid by the Government of Canada under a program established

following the declaration of a public health emergency or a Canada Recovery Benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic” after “the participant’s spouse” in the third paragraph;

(2) by replacing “subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 48” in the third paragraph by “subparagraph 1 or 1.1 of the first paragraph of section 48, depending on the situation”.

7. Section 177.25.1 is amended by replacing “\$35” by “\$45”.

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8. Despite paragraph 2 of section 5 of this Regulation, the adjusted amounts of \$290 and \$190 provided for in the second paragraph of section 157.1 of the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) are \$365 and \$227, respectively, as of 1 January 2022.

9. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2021.

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