

## Draft Regulation

Act respecting financial assistance  
for education expenses  
(chapter A-13.3)

### Financial assistance for education expenses — 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 financial assistance for education expenses, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to index the amount of certain exemptions or allowable expenses used in the computation of financial assistance for education expenses and the maximum amount of a loan that may be granted for a year of allocation.

Another purpose of the Regulation is to exclude from the computation of the student's contribution any amount paid to the student under the *Programme de bourses - Bourse d'incitation au travail et de suspension volontaire des études au baccalauréat en sciences infirmières en contexte d'urgence sanitaire* established by the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister of Higher Education in January 2021.

The draft Regulation specifies the medications whose cost may be considered as an allowable expense in computing financial assistance for education expenses.

The draft Regulation specifies the time within which a student must successfully complete a college-level course of technical studies leading to a diploma of college studies or a university-level course of studies leading to a degree in order to be entitled to a 15% reduction on the value of the guaranteed loans contracted within that time limit.

The draft Regulation specifies the monthly income used to establish, for the 2021-2022 year of allocation, if a borrower is in a precarious financial situation.

The draft Regulation extends the period during which a student is deemed to reside in Québec while pursuing studies outside Québec.

Lastly, the draft Regulation increases the financial assistance granted for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation in order to mitigate the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Higher Education, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 16<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5.

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses

Act respecting financial assistance  
for education expenses  
(chapter A-13.3, s. 57, 1st par., subpars. 1, 2, 3.2, 4, 7, 8,  
9, 16, 16.1 and 21, and 2nd par.)

**1.** The Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3, r. 1) is amended in section 1 by adding the following at the end:

“The computation does not take into account, for the 2021-2022 year of allocation, any amount paid to the student under the *Programme de bourses - Bourse d'incitation au travail et de suspension volontaire des études au baccalauréat en sciences infirmières en contexte d'urgence sanitaire* established by the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister of Higher Education in January 2021.”

**2.** Section 2 is amended by replacing “\$1,475” in the second paragraph by “\$1,494”.

**3.** Section 9 is amended by replacing “\$1,475” in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by “\$1,494”.

**4.** Section 17 is amended

(1) by replacing “\$3,119” in paragraph 1 by “\$3,158”;

(2) by replacing “\$2,648” in paragraph 2 by “\$2,681”.

**5.** Section 18 is amended by replacing “\$2,648” by “\$2,681”.

**6.** Section 26 is amended by replacing “\$285” in the second paragraph by “\$289”.

**7.** Section 29 is amended by replacing, respectively, the amounts provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 6 of the fourth paragraph by the following amounts:

- (1) “\$196”;
- (2) “\$196”;
- (3) “\$223”;
- (4) “\$424”;
- (5) “\$485”;
- (6) “\$223”.

**8.** Section 32 is amended

(1) by replacing “\$456” and “\$975” in the first paragraph by “\$462” and “\$987”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “\$240”, “\$739” and “\$240” in the second paragraph by “\$242”, “\$745” and “\$242”, respectively.

**9.** The following is added after section 32.1:

“**32.2.** For the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation, a student, including a student who is deemed to be enrolled within the meaning of section 27, who resides or is deemed to reside with his or her parents or sponsor is allocated an additional \$96 per month, as living expenses, for each month for which such expenses were allocated under the first or the second paragraph of section 32, as the case may be; a student who does not reside or is deemed not to reside with his or her parents or sponsor is allocated an additional \$205 for each such month.”

**10.** Section 33 is amended

(1) by replacing “\$176” in the first paragraph by “\$178”;

(2) by replacing “\$487” in the second paragraph “\$493”.

**11.** Section 34 is amended in the first paragraph

(1) by replacing in the French text “495 \$” and “2 304 \$” by “501 \$” and “2 333 \$”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “\$486” and “\$1,330” by “\$501” and “\$2,333”, respectively.

**12.** Section 35 is amended by replacing “\$99” in the second paragraph by “\$100”.

**13.** Section 37 is amended by replacing “\$260” in the fifth paragraph by “\$263”.

**14.** Section 40 is amended by replacing “\$76” and “\$608” in the first paragraph by “\$77” and “\$616”, respectively.

**15.** Section 41 is amended by replacing “\$193” by “\$195”.

**16.** Section 42 is amended by inserting “on the list of medications drawn up by the Minister of Health and Social Services under section 60 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01)” after “the payment of medications” in the first paragraph.

**17.** Section 50 is amended

(1) by replacing, respectively, the amounts provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph by the following amounts:

- (1) “\$15,284”;
- (2) “\$15,284”;
- (3) “\$18,665”;

(2) by replacing, respectively, the amounts provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the third paragraph by the following amounts:

- (1) “\$4,118”;
- (2) “\$5,213”;
- (3) “\$6,313”.

**18.** Section 51 is amended

(1) by replacing, respectively, the amounts provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 5 of the first paragraph by the following amounts:

- (1) “\$215”;
- (2) “\$235”;
- (3) “\$325”;
- (4) “\$431”;
- (5) “\$431”;

(2) by replacing “\$332” in the third paragraph by “\$336”.

**19.** Section 52 is amended by replacing “\$1,002” by “\$1,015”.

**20.** Section 63 is replaced by the following:

“**63.** A borrower who receives financial assistance in the form of a bursary for each year of allocation during which he or she pursues a course of technical studies at the college level leading to a diploma of college studies, completes the studies within the number of sessions and years of study stipulated by the educational institution for completing the program as structured by the educational institution, and obtains official certification thereof is entitled, on application to the Minister and up to the amount established pursuant to sections 54 and 55, to a 15% reduction on the value of the guaranteed loans contracted to complete the program.”

**21.** Section 64 is replaced by the following:

“**64.** A borrower who receives financial assistance in the form of a bursary for each year of allocation during which he or she pursues a course of undergraduate studies at the university level leading to a degree, completes the studies within the number of sessions and years of study stipulated by the educational institution for completing the program as structured by the educational institution, and obtains official certification thereof is entitled, on application to the Minister and up to the amount established pursuant to sections 54 and 55, to a 15% reduction on the value of the guaranteed loans contracted to complete the program and, if applicable, on the value of the following guaranteed loans:

(1) loans contracted during his or her college studies in a course of studies leading to a diploma of college studies if he or she receives financial assistance in the form of a bursary for each year of allocation, completes the studies within the number of sessions and years of study stipulated by the educational institution for completing the program as structured by the educational institution, and obtains official certification thereof;

(2) loans contracted during his or her master’s or doctoral studies if he or she receives financial assistance in the form of a bursary, completes the studies within the number of sessions and years of study stipulated by the educational institution for completing the program as structured by the educational institution, and obtains official certification thereof.”

**22.** Section 74 is amended by replacing “\$260” and “\$129” in the second paragraph by “\$263” and “\$131”, respectively.

**23.** Section 74.2 is amended by adding the following at the end:

“; and, for the 2021-2022 year of allocation, any income earned by the student through employment with an organization mentioned in the third paragraph of Schedule I.”

**24.** Section 82 is amended by replacing “\$3,119” and “\$2,336” in the third paragraph by “\$3,158” and “\$2,365”, respectively.

**25.** Section 86 is amended

(1) by replacing, respectively, the amounts provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph by the following amounts:

(1) “\$2.34”;

(2) “\$3.49”;

(3) “\$130.60”;

(2) by replacing “\$11.54” in the second paragraph by “\$11.69”.

**26.** Section 87.1 is amended by replacing “\$395” by “\$400”.

**27.** Section 94 is amended by replacing “less than 3 years” in the first paragraph by “5 years or less”.

**28.** Schedule I is amended by replacing the portion before subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph by the following:

“For the purposes of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph, for the 2020-2021 year of allocation, employment income earned by the student during the period beginning on 13 March 2020 and ending on 31 August 2020 and, for the 2021-2022 year of allocation, employment income earned by the student during the period beginning on 1 January 2021 and ending on 31 May 2021, while employed with any of the following bodies is not taken into account:”

**29.** This Regulation applies from the 2021-2022 year of allocation.

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