

Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Distractions while driving

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting distractions while driving, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines the manner in which section 443.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) is to be applied and prescribes other exceptions to the prohibitions under that section and under section 443.2 of the Code. Those sections contain various rules to regulate sources of distraction while driving, such as the use of cellular telephones or other portable devices as well as display screens.

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

Further information concerning the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Émanuelle Houde, head, Service du développement en sécurité routière, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-12, case postale 19600, succursale Terminus, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3577; email: emanuelle.houde@saaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Nadia Fournier, Director, Direction des relations gouvernementales et du soutien administratif, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, N-6-2, case postale 19600, succursale Terminus, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6. The comments will be sent by the Société to the Minister of Transport.

FRANÇOIS BONNARDEL
Minister of Transport

Regulation respecting distractions while driving

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2, s. 443.1, 3rd par., s. 443.2, 3rd par., and s. 621, 1st par., subpar. 51)

DIVISION I**APPLICATION OF SECTION 443.1
OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE**

1. For the purposes of section 443.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), “hands-free device” means

(1) a device that can be used to operate a portable device, in particular a cellular telephone, through a vocal command or a simple manual command that the driver can activate without being distracted from driving the road vehicle; or

(2) the speaker function of a cellular telephone, to the extent that the function does not require the driver of the road vehicle to handle the telephone or use a display screen.

A part of a road vehicle on which information is projected using a technology to that effect is considered to be a display screen.

2. For the purposes of subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 443.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2)

(1) information on the vehicle's conditions, use and immediate environment, real-time information on road or weather conditions, and routing and guidance information is considered to be information as is relevant to driving a road vehicle;

(2) heating and air-conditioning systems and audio system are considered to be usual equipment of a road vehicle.

3. For the purposes of subparagraph *d* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 443.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), a display screen is considered to be positioned and designed in such a way that the driver of a road vehicle can operate and consult it easily if it is positioned so as to display information in the driver's line of sight in the normal driving position and displays short, simple messages.

DIVISION II**OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITIONS
UNDER SECTIONS 443.1 AND 443.2
OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE**

4. The driver of a road vehicle may use a cellular telephone or any other portable device if

(1) the device is used by a peace officer or the driver of an emergency vehicle in the performance of their duties;

(2) the device is used to make a call to 911 emergency services;

(3) the device is a cordless voice communication device, also known as a two-way radio, which does not allow the callers to speak simultaneously; or

(4) the device is used for contactless payment or to show proof of payment, proof relating to in-vehicle pickup, proof confirming a right of access, or any other proof of the same nature, when the vehicle is stationary without being parked.

5. The driver of a road vehicle may consult the following information displayed on a display screen, including that of a portable device, or use a screen command, provided the screen meets the standards set out in subparagraphs *b* to *d* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 443.1 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2):

(1) information that is used by a peace officer or the driver of an emergency vehicle in the performance of their duties;

(2) information that, in a vehicle used by an enterprise, is used to manage messages or, in the case of an enterprise providing remunerated passenger transportation, to collect fees payable by the vehicle's passenger;

(3) information that, in a public utility or telecommunications enterprise vehicle, is useful to their business.

6. The driver of a road vehicle or a cyclist may check the time on a smartwatch.

7. A peace officer who is riding a bicycle in the performance of their duties may wear only one earphone.

8. 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

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3)

**Free instructional material and certain financial contributions that may be required
— 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 free instructional material and certain financial contributions that may be required, appearing below, may be made on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation sets the standards for the financial contributions that may be required for the supervision of students who stay at school at lunch time.

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 Caroline Beauvais, Direction des encadrements pédagogiques et scolaires, Ministère de l'Éducation, 600, rue Fullum, 10^e étage, Montréal (Québec) H2K 4L1; email: Caroline.Beauvais@education.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Marie-Ève Chamberland, Secretary General, Ministère de l'Éducation 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 15^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5; email: marie-eve.chamberland@education.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting free instructional material and certain financial contributions that may be required

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3, s. 457.2.1).

1. The Regulation respecting free instructional material and certain financial contributions that may be required (chapter I-13.3, r. 6.2) is amended in section 9 by replacing “or for material to which the right of free use does not apply” by “, for material to which the right of free use does not apply or for the supervision of students at lunch time”.