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

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by a pharmacist, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

YVES OUELLET Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by a pharmacist

Medical Act (chapter M-9, s. 19, 1st par., subpar. *b*)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by a pharmacist (chapter M-9, r. 12.2.1) is amended in section 3
- (1) by replacing subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:
- "(2) treatment against influenza or coronavirus disease to a symptomatic patient who is at risk of developing complications.";
- (2) by replacing subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by the following:
- "(2) 2 days after the initiation of the treatment against influenza or coronavirus disease, if the condition of the patient deteriorates.".
- **2.** This Regulation comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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## O.C. 624-2022, 30 March 2022

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

Interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation

Regulation respecting the interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs 14 and 15 of the first paragraph of section 57 of the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3), the Government may, by regulation, on the recommendation of the Minister of Higher Education and after consultation with the Minister of Education for matters related to a level of education under the latter's jurisdiction, and for each financial assistance program, unless otherwise indicated,

- —fix the rate of interest to be applied to the balance of a guaranteed loan and the terms and conditions of payment of interest to the financial institution;
- —prescribe the terms and conditions of repayment of a guaranteed loan, require the capitalization of the interest accrued for any period determined by the Government and provide for the cases where a borrower is in default and the consequences of the default;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 90 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1), the Minister of Higher Education, after consulting with the Minister of Education when the matter relates to a level of education within that Minister's jurisdiction, must seek the advice of the Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité financière aux études on any draft regulation respecting the financial assistance programs established by the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses;

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* or between that date and the date applicable under section 17 where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it and the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency owing to the following circumstances justifies the absence of prior publication and such coming into force of the Regulation respecting the interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation:

— the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant increase of inflation and its pressure on the finances of Québec households require the implementation of the measure as soon as 1 April 2022;

—the regulatory amendment must come into force on 1 April 2022 so that the interest is not again borne by borrowers considering section 1 of the Regulation respecting the interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses owing to the Covid-19 pandemic for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 years of allocation (chapter A-13.3, r. 2), which provides that the Minister of Higher Education pays to the financial institution, on behalf of the borrower, the interest owed on the borrower's student debt for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022;

—the federal government announced similar measures applicable to Canadian borrowers until 31 March 2023;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has been consulted in accordance with the first paragraph of section 57 of the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses;

WHEREAS the Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité financière aux études has given its advice;

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

That the Regulation respecting the interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting the interest rate to be applied to certain measures provided for in the Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses and the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 years of allocation

Act respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3, s. 57, 1st par., subpars. 14 and 15)

## **DIVISION I** GENERAL

- **1.** The Minister pays to the financial institution, on behalf of the borrower, the interest on the balance of the guaranteed loan and any capitalized interest, accrued during the period beginning on 1 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2023, at the rate provided for in section 73 of the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3, r. 1).
- 2. A borrower who wishes to reduce the payments applicable to the repayment of the balance of the borrower's guaranteed loan for the period referred to in section 1 from the amount of interest paid by the Minister under that section must apply to the financial institution. Failing such application, the amount of the interest paid by the Minister is deducted from the balance of the principal of the borrower's guaranteed loan.

## DIVISION II FINAL

- **3.** This Regulation applies despite any inconsistent provision of the Regulation respecting financial assistance for education expenses (chapter A-13.3, r. 1).
- **4.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 April 2022.

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