

Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 1498-2023, 4 October 2023

Approval of the Directive from the Minister of Education regarding the use of cellphones, headphones and other personal mobile devices by students on the premises of school service centres' schools and vocational training centres where preschool education services and elementary and secondary school instructional services are provided

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 459.6 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), within the scope of the Minister's responsibilities, the Minister of Education may in particular issue directives to one or more school service centres concerning their administration, organization, operation and actions;

WHEREAS the third paragraph of that section provides that the directives must be submitted to the Government for approval and that once approved, they are binding on school service centres;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has issued a directive regarding the use of cellphones, headphones and other personal mobile devices by students on the premises of school service centres' schools and vocational training centres where preschool education services and elementary and secondary school instructional services are provided;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Directive;

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

THAT the Directive from the Minister of Education regarding the use of cellphones, headphones and other personal mobile devices by students on the premises of school service centres' schools and vocational training centres where preschool education services and elementary and secondary school instructional services are provided, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DOMINIQUE SAVOIE
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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WHEREAS, under the third paragraph of section 459.6 of the Act, such a directive must be submitted to the Government for approval and once approved, is binding on school service centres;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 201 of the Act, the director general of the school service centre is responsible in particular for the day-to-day management of the school service centre's activities;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 96.12 of the Act, the school principal must see in particular to the implementation of the decisions of the governing board and of the other provisions governing the school;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 110.9 of the Act, the principal of the vocational training centre must see in particular to the implementation of the decisions of the governing board and of the other provisions governing the centre;

WHEREAS the Directive rests primarily on the priority given to the students' educational success and well-being by fostering an environment that is more conducive to teaching and learning;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Directive is to prohibit the use of cellphones, headphones and other personal mobile devices by students on the premises of school service centres' schools and vocational training centres where

preschool education services and elementary and secondary school instructional services are provided, except where their use is required by the methods of instruction selected by the teacher, the student's state of health or the special needs of a handicapped student or a student with social maladjustment or a learning disability.

THEREFORE:

1. School service centres established pursuant to the Education Act and the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral must implement the measures at their disposal to prohibit the use of cellphones, headphones and other personal mobile devices by students on the premises of schools and vocational training centres where preschool education services and elementary and secondary school instructional services are provided, except where their use is required by

- the methods of instruction selected by the teacher; or
- the student's state of health; or
- the special needs of a handicapped student or a student with social maladjustment or a learning disability.

2. Governing boards must define, on the proposal of the principal of the school or centre, in collaboration with the staff members of the school or centre, the approach for the application of the measures that the school service centre must implement pursuant to section 1. Governing boards are also responsible for informing the students and, where applicable, the students' parents of those measures.

3. In the event of non-compliance with the Directive, the school service centre must take the necessary measures to ensure that appropriate corrective actions are taken by the institutions' principals.

4. This Directive comes into force on the day it is approved by the Government.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the measures implemented by school service centres and the approach defined by the governing boards for their application must be applied not later than 31 December 2023.

BERNARD DRAINVILLE
Minister of Education

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Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification
(chapter F-5)

Certificates of qualification and apprenticeship regarding gas, stationary engines and pressure vessels
— **Amendment**

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certificates of qualification and apprenticeship regarding gas, stationary engines and pressure vessels

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs *b*, *c* and *l* of the first paragraph of section 30 of the Act respecting workforce vocational training and qualification (chapter F-5), the Government may make regulations consistent with the Act to ensure the efficient carrying out thereof and it may, in particular,

— render obligatory apprenticeship and the certificate of qualification for the carrying on of a given trade or vocation;

— determine the conditions for admission to apprenticeship and to the examinations for qualification, for obtaining and renewal of certificates of qualification and generally the conditions for admission to the carrying on of trades or vocations;

— generally, adopt any other related or supplementary provision for the efficient carrying out of the Act and for the proper functioning of the bodies which it establishes, including any exceptional provision to facilitate the implementation of intergovernmental agreements in respect of workforce mobility or the recognition of the qualifications, skills or work experience in trades or vocations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting certificates of qualification and apprenticeship regarding gas, stationary engines and pressure vessels was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 13 July 2022 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Employment: