

List of Government of Quebec Measures in Response to COVID19

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Individuals

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<p>1. Temporary Aid for Workers Program (PATT)</p>	<p>Temporary Aid for Workers Program: \$573 for two weeks of self-isolation with the possibility of extension for up to a maximum of 28 days for those who are in contact with the virus.</p> <p>Workers who can benefit from this program are those residing in Quebec who are in isolation for one of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they have contracted the virus or are presenting symptoms; - they have been in contact with an infected person; - they are returning from abroad. 	<p>PATT benefits will end at the time of receipt of first payment from the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).</p> <p>According to the normative framework of the PATT, the period of coverage of the measure began on February 25, 2020 and will end once the minister announces the program's end.</p>	<p>https://www.quebec.ca/famille-et-soutien-aux-personnes/aide-financiere/programme-aide-temporaire-aux-travailleurs/</p>
<p>2. Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers (PIRTE)</p>	<p>A taxable benefit of \$100 per week may be accorded to all essential workers (full-time or part-time) who fit the following criteria (retroactive as of March 15):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workers in a sector decreed essential during the indicated period; - who earn a gross salary of \$550 per week or less; - whose annual work income is at least \$5,000 and whose total annual income is \$28,600 or less, excluding the benefit. 	<p>— The first payment was made on March 27. It will cover the period between March 15-23, 2020 and can be up to \$1,000.</p> <p>— Subsequent payments will be made every 2 weeks (\$200 per payment).</p> <p>The maximum duration of the PIRTE is 16 weeks. It is offered from March 15 to July 4, 2020. It will be possible to apply until November 15, 2020.</p>	<p>https://www.revenuquebec.ca/fr/salle-de-presse/actualites/detail/167331/2020-04-03/</p>

<p>3. Revenu Québec Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The deadline to produce and file a personal tax return, which would have been April 30, 2020, has been moved to June 1, 2020. - The deadline to produce and file a tax return for the 2019 tax year for an individual who was deceased during 2019, but before December 1, 2019 has been moved to June 1, 2020. - The deadline to produce and file a tax return for individuals who operated a business during the 2019 tax year, or whose spouse operated such a business, remains June 15, 2020. - For individuals (including those who are in business) the deadline for paying any tax owing, contributions owing or annual fees for registration with the business register, in relation to the 2019 tax return, has been moved to September 1, 2020. - For those who have tax instalments owing, payment of the June 15, 2020 instalment has been moved to September 1, 2020. 	<p>This measure affects nearly 2 million taxpayers.</p>	<p>https://www.revenuquebec.ca/fr/maladie-a-coronavirus-2019-covid-19/ mesures-dassouplissement-pour-les-citoyens-et-les-entreprises/</p>
<p>4. Suspension of Interest Payments on Student Loans</p>	<p>The government has suspended the repayment of student loans. This means that for the next six months, there are no payments to be made. In addition, no interest will be accumulated or added to a debt.</p> <p>There is no action needed in order to be eligible for the suspension. The measure is aimed at all Student Financial Assistance clients, including those in the process of repayment.</p> <p>Contact your financial institution if you wish to start or continue the repayment of the debt.</p>	<p>The maximum duration of the suspension of Student Financial Assistance interest is 6 months. It is offered for the whole of April 2020 until September 2020.</p>	<p>https://www.quebec.ca/education/aide-financiere-aux-etudes/remboursement/</p>

<p>5. Reduction of RRIF Withdrawal Threshold</p>	<p>This measure is in alignment with the federal measure. Decrease in 2020 of the required amount for withdrawals by 25%. All individuals who have savings at their disposal as part of a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF), primarily seniors ages 71 and over.</p> <p>This measure affects approximately 700,000 seniors.</p>	<p>The amount of aid differs according to age and savings of the individual. The amount represents 1.32% of the RRIF of a 71-year-old senior and 5% of a 95-year-old senior. It applies to the year 2020.</p>	
<p>6. Support for Women who are Victims of Violence</p>	<p>Isolation measures expose certain women to situations of violence. The goal is to cover: — the costs of lodging and transportation for these women; — over-time hours carried out by support workers.</p> <p>Aid and housing agencies for women who are victims of domestic violence and abused women who are experiencing multiple social problems.</p>	<p>It is estimated that this package could respond to requests for assistance during a period of 60 days.</p>	
<p>7. \$2M Financial Assistance for Food Banks</p>	<p>Food banks of Quebec are offsetting the total amount allocated amongst their sharing network (moissons, associate members and community organizations). The necessity to continue or improve this special assistance will be evaluated as the situation evolves.</p>		<p>https://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/salle-de-presse/communiqu-2071/</p>

Businesses

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<p>1. Concerted Temporary Action Program for businesses (PACTE)</p>	<p>The business must demonstrate that its liquidity problems are temporary, and its liquidity shortfall is caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a supply problem concerning raw materials or products (or services); - an impossibility or substantial reduction in its ability to deliver products (or services) or merchandise. <p>The minimum amount of financial assistant is \$50,000. Financing in the form of a loan guarantee is at all times preferential. Financing may also be in the form of a Quebec investment loan.</p>	<p>A moratorium on the repayment of principal of 12 months. Excluding the moratorium period of the loan, the repayment of the loan is made within 36 months. In exceptional cases, the repayment of the loan can be made within 60 months after the moratorium of the loan.</p>	<p>https://www.investquebec.com/quebec/fr/produits-financiers/toutes-nos-solutions/programme-daction-concertee-temporaire-pour-les-entreprises-pacte.html</p>
<p>2. Easing of Community Investment Funds (FLI)</p>	<p>A moratorium of six months has been established for the repayment (principal and interest) of loans already granted through the FLI. The interest accumulated during this period will be added to the loan balance.</p> <p>This measure is added to the moratorium already in place as part of most investment policies in effect in the regional county municipalities (MRC), which can be up to twelve months.</p> <p>Contact your respective MRCs.</p>	<p>A moratorium of 3 months (principal and interest) applied to all loan contracts. An additional moratorium of up to 12 months on the principal may be granted. An amortization of 36 months, excluding the moratorium of the repayment, is expected. In exceptional cases, the amortization can continue up to 60 months, excluding the repayment moratorium.</p>	<p>https://www.economie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/aide-financiere/fonds-local-dinvestissement-flj/</p>

<p>3. SODEC (Cultural Businesses) Emergency Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance on grant payments as part of certain regular programs (PADISQ, all aid components, including additional aid for touring). - Advance payment of second grant instalments as part of certain regular programs, book sectors, music and variety, arts and crafts, film promotion and distribution, international business, and exports. - All grants for the organization of or the participation in a national or international event that has been postponed, modified, or cancelled due to COVID-19 will be evaluated. - Postponement, for a period of three months commencing on March 16, 2020, of loan repayment on principal and interest, for the group of businesses financed by direct loans from the SODEC investment bank. 	<p>-</p>	<p>Contactez vos MRCs. Plus d'information au: <u>https://sodec.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19-mesures-de-la-sodec-pour-soutenir-ses-clienteles/</u></p>
<p>4. Emergency Aid for Small and Medium Businesses</p>	<p>The Emergency Aid Program for Small and Medium Businesses aims to support, for a limited period, eligible businesses who are experiencing financial difficulties due to COVID-19 and are in need of liquidity amounting to less than \$50,000.</p> <p>The following businesses are eligible for the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - businesses from all sectors of activity; - socioeconomic enterprises, including cooperatives and non-profit organizations conducting commercial business. 	<p>Contact your respective MRCs.</p>	<p>https://www.quebec.ca/entreprises-et-travailleurs-autonomes/aide-urgence-pme-covid-19/</p>

	<p>In order to be eligible, the business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have been conducting business in Quebec for at least one year; - be temporarily closed, susceptible to closure or showing early signs of impending closure; - be in the process of maintenance, consolidation or recovery of its activities; - have demonstrated a cause and effect relationship between its financial or operational issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. 		
<p>5. Revenu Québec Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QST remittances planned for March 31, April 30, and May 31 may be sent on June 30 only. - The payment of provisional instalments and balance of tax owing due during the period beginning March 17, 2020 and ending August 31, 2020 has been moved to September 1, 2020. - Accelerated payments of tax credits and tax refunds. - Postponement of payments to tax-owing balance and provisional instalments until September 1, 2020 also applies to mining taxes. - The deadline for payment of a sum owing as part of the tax on forest operations, which would normally be included in the period beginning March 17, 2020 and ending August 31, 2020, has been moved to September 1, 2020. 		<p>https://www.revenu-quebec.ca/fr/maladie-a-coronavirus-2019-covid-19/mesures-dassouplissement-pour-les-citoyens-et-les-entreprises/</p>

<p>6. Assistance to Media</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Approximately \$9M more per month for government advertising in the Quebec media in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. — Expedited processing of requests for tax credits from businesses. — Concerted Temporary Action Program for Businesses (PACTE), which consists of emergency financing in order to support businesses who find themselves in precarious situations and experiencing temporary difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 		
<p>7. Improvement to the Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ)</p>	<p>A moratorium of 6 months on the repayment of loans is offered to the clientele of the FADQ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — expedited processing of requests for agricultural insurance programs. 		<p>https://www.fadq.qc.ca</p>

<p>8. Concerted Action Program for Job Retention (PACME)</p>	<p>The PACME will provide direct support to businesses experiencing a reduction in their activities. This includes independent contractors, in particular those employed through the mediation of communal sponsors recognized by the <i>Commission des partenaires du marché du travail</i>: organizations whose activities affect several businesses and employed persons.</p> <p>This program is made up of two branches, one branch to address the needs of businesses and one branch to address the needs of communal sponsors.</p> <p>The program ends on September 30 or once the sum of \$100M has been exhausted.</p> <p>The proposed projects, whether training or management of human resources, can be of varying duration according to the indicated needs.</p> <p>For information on eligible expenditures, click the link.</p>	<p>Reimbursement of eligible expenditures for businesses' training programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 100 % of expenditures of \$100,00 or less; — 50 % of expenditures between \$100,000 and \$500,000. <p>Maximum grant total per establishment can reach \$500,000.</p>	<p>https://www.quebec.ca/entreprises-et-travailleurs-auto-nomes/programme-actions-concertees-pour-le-maintien-en-emploi-pacme-covid-19/</p>
<p>9. Le Panier Bleu</p>	<p>The objective is to stimulate Quebec's economy through the purchasing of local products online, more specifically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — supporting Quebec retailers; — stimulating their on-line sales; — informing the public on the importance of shopping local. 	<p>Quebec retailers can post their businesses and products free of charge on lepanierbleu.ca.</p>	<p>https://lepanierbleu.ca/</p>

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