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# Québec Government COVID-19-Related Measures

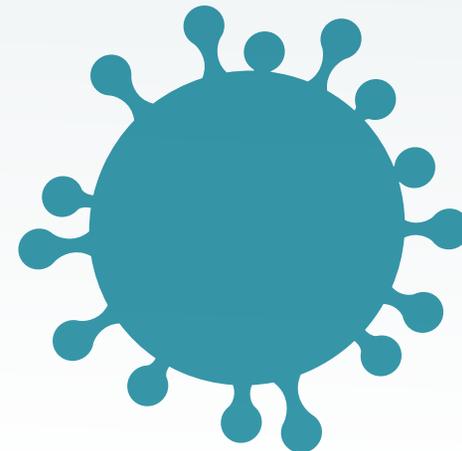
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# INDIVIDUALS



PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	OTHER INFORMATION
<p><b>1. Temporary Aid for Workers Program (PATT)</b></p>	<p>The Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale offered the temporary assistance program to workers who were temporarily unable to earn their usual work income and were ineligible for another government financial assistance program, compensation from their employer, or private insurance benefits.</p> <p>The financial assistance totalled \$573 a week for 14 days of self-isolation with the possibility of extending it for 28 days in the case of individuals who were in contact with the virus. Accordingly, eligible workers were entitled to a lump sum paid by the Red Cross of \$1 146 per 14-day period, up to a maximum of 28 days.</p> <p>To have benefited from the programs, workers must be 18 years of age and over, reside in Québec, and have been in isolation for one of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they contracted the virus or displayed symptoms;</li> <li>• they were in contact with an infected individual;</li> <li>• they returned from abroad.</li> </ul> <p>The Government of Canada, the Québec government, or another responsible entity had to order the request for isolation.</p>	<p>The normative framework of the PATT stipulates that the program commences on March 16, 2020 and ends when the Minister announces the conclusion of the program.</p> <p>According to Revenu Québec, financial assistance under the PATT is not taxable.</p> <p>The PATT ended on Friday, April 10, 2020 at 4 p.m., as the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity announced in a <a href="#">press release</a>* disseminated on April 8, 2020.</p> <p>The decision was made in the wake of the implementation of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit on April 6, 2020.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/financial-assistance/temporary-aid-for-workers-program/">www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/financial-assistance/temporary-aid-for-workers-program/</a></p>
<p><b>2. Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers (IPREW)</b></p>	<p>The taxable benefit of \$100 per week, paid retroactive to March 15, 2020 for a maximum of 16 weeks, is offered to full- or part-time essential workers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work in what is deemed priority sector during the period specified;</li> <li>• earn a gross weekly wage of \$550 or less;</li> <li>• earn annual work income of at least \$5 000 and total annual income of \$28 600 or less, excluding the benefit;</li> <li>• are at least 15 years of age;</li> <li>• were residing in Québec on December 31, 2019 and plan to reside there throughout 2020.</li> </ul> <p>For each week of eligible work, the worker must not have received any amount pertaining to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Temporary Aid for Workers Program (PATT).</p>	<p>The first payment will be made on May 27, 2020 and will cover the period from March 15 to March 23, 2020, and may reach \$1 000. Subsequent payments of \$200 will be made every two weeks.</p> <p>The maximum duration of the IPREW is 16 weeks. It is offered from March 15 to July 4, 2020.</p> <p>Online applications can be submitted starting on May 19, 2020, until November 15, 2020 on the Revenu Québec website by registering on the “My Account for Individuals” portal.</p> <p>The benefit paid under the IPREW is taxable.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/press-room/news/details/167331/2020-04-03/">www.revenuquebec.ca/en/press-room/news/details/167331/2020-04-03/</a></p>

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<b>3. Measures administered by Revenu Québec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>The deadline for producing and filing personal income tax return</b>, which would normally be April 30, 2020, is postponed until June 1, 2020.</li> <li>· <b>The deadline for producing and filing the income tax return for the 2019 taxation year of an individual who died during the year</b> but prior to December 1, 2019, is postponed until June 1, 2020.</li> <li>· <b>The deadline for producing and filing the income tax returns of individuals who operated an enterprise</b> in 2019, or whose spouse operated such an enterprise, remains June 15, 2020.</li> <li>· <b>For individuals (including individuals in business), the deadline for paying any tax balance, contributions or annual registration fees in the enterprise register</b> relating to the income tax return for the 2019 taxation year is postponed to September 1, 2020.</li> <li>· <b>For those who must pay tax instalments</b>, the payment of the June 15, 2020 tax instalment is postponed until September 1, 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>This measure affects roughly 2 million taxpayers.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/">www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/</a></p>
<b>4. Postponement of interest payments on student debt</b>	<p>The government is postponing the repayment of student debt, which means that, over the next six months, the individuals concerned will not have to make any payment. Additionally, no interest will accrue or be added to student debt.</p> <p>The postponement will apply automatically. The measure targets all student aid recipients, including individuals subject to collection.</p> <p>The individuals concerned must contact their financial institution if they wish to start or continue repaying the debt.</p>	<p>The maximum duration of the deferment of interest on student aid is six months.</p> <p>It is offered starting from April 1, 2020, until September 2020.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.quebec.ca/en/education/student-financial-assistance/repayment/">www.quebec.ca/en/education/student-financial-assistance/repayment/</a></p> <p> <a href="http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/salle-de-presse/press-releases/detail/article/aide-financiere-aux-etudes-un-repit-de-six-mois-pour-les-personnes-qui-doivent-rembourser-une-dett/">www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/salle-de-presse/press-releases/detail/article/aide-financiere-aux-etudes-un-repit-de-six-mois-pour-les-personnes-qui-doivent-rembourser-une-dett/</a> *</p>

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<p><b>5. Reduction in the RRIF withdrawal thresholds</b></p>	<p>This measure is a harmonization measure with respect to federal legislation and regulations.</p> <p>The amount of mandatory withdrawals from a registered retirement income fund (RRIF) is reduced by 25% in 2020. The measure is aimed at all individuals, most of whom are 71 years of age or over, who have savings in a registered retirement income fund.</p> <p>It affects roughly 700 000 seniors.</p>	<p>The amount of the assistance will vary according to an individual's age and savings.</p> <p>The amount represents 1.32% of the RRIF of a 71-year-old individual and 5% of someone who is 95. It applies for the 2020 taxation year.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/le-gouvernement-du-quebec-s-harmonisera-avec-le-gouvernement-federal-relativement-a-deux-des-mesures-d-aide-annoncees-836158103.html">www.newswire.ca/news-releases/le-gouvernement-du-quebec-s-harmonisera-avec-le-gouvernement-federal-relativement-a-deux-des-mesures-d-aide-annoncees-836158103.html</a> *</p>
<p><b>6. Support for women victims of violence</b></p>	<p>Isolation measures are exposing some women to violence.</p> <p>The objective is to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· the women's housing and transportation expenses;</li> <li>· the additional hours that interveners devote to them.</li> </ul> <p>The assistance targets organizations that offer assistance and shelter to women victims of spousal violence and battered women experiencing multiple social problems.</p>	<p>It is estimated that the funding envelope could satisfy demand for assistance for 60 days.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?motsCles=&amp;listeThe=&amp;listeReg=&amp;listeDiff=&amp;type=&amp;dateDebut=2020-03-26&amp;dateFin=2020-03-27&amp;afficherResultats=oui&amp;idArticle=2803278931&amp;lang=en">www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?motsCles=&amp;listeThe=&amp;listeReg=&amp;listeDiff=&amp;type=&amp;dateDebut=2020-03-26&amp;dateFin=2020-03-27&amp;afficherResultats=oui&amp;idArticle=2803278931&amp;lang=en</a> *</p>
<p><b>7. \$2 million in financial assistance for food banks</b></p>	<p>Food Banks of Quebec is dividing the total amount earmarked for the sharing network (donations, associate members, and community-based organizations).</p> <p>The need to maintain or enhance this special assistance will be evaluated depending on how the situation unfolds.</p> <p>The funding seeks to satisfy increased food requirements, especially through the purchase of food and the addition of manpower.</p>	<p> <a href="http://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/salle-de-presse/communique-2071/">www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/salle-de-presse/communique-2071/</a> *</p>

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<b>8. \$4 an hour bonus for orderlies</b>	<p>The \$4 an hour bonus added to remuneration is taxable.</p> <p>The objective is to ensure that staff receive adequate wages that exceed the wages resulting from one of the emergency income replacement measures adopted.</p> <p>The enhancement covers orderlies working in private caregiving facilities (private seniors' homes, private residential and long-term care centres not covered by an agreement, intermediate resources, and family-type resources).</p>	<p>Duration: 16 weeks retroactive to March 13, 2020.</p>
<b>9. Taxable 8% clinical exposure premium for health network employees</b>	<p>An 8% premium on the remuneration paid.</p> <p>The premium covers clinical employees working in the health and social services network.</p> <p>Nearly 69 000 employees could benefit from the premium.</p>	<p>Duration: Until May 31, 2020 and retroactive to March 13, 2020.</p> <p> <a href="https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-sociaux/publications-adm/lois-reglements/AM_numero_2020-015.pdf?1586042112">cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-sociaux/publications-adm/lois-reglements/AM_numero_2020-015.pdf?1586042112</a> *</p>
<b>10. Taxable 4% wage premium for the other employees in the health network</b>	<p>A 4% taxable premium on the remuneration paid.</p> <p>This premium covers all other workers in the health and social services network, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laboratory technicians;</li> <li>• housekeeping attendants;</li> <li>• 811 employees.</li> </ul> <p>The premium covers nearly 200 000 employees.</p>	<p>Duration: Until May 31, 2020 and retroactive to March 13, 2020.</p> <p> <a href="https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-sociaux/publications-adm/lois-reglements/AM_numero_2020-015.pdf?1586042112">cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-sociaux/publications-adm/lois-reglements/AM_numero_2020-015.pdf?1586042112</a> *</p>

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<b>11. Taxable 8% wage premium for Corporation d’urgences-santé (CUS) and private company ambulance attendants</b>	<p>An 8% taxable premium on the remuneration paid.</p> <p>The premium covers Corporation d’urgences-santé (CUS) and private company ambulance attendants.</p>	<p><b>Duration: 16 weeks retroactive to March 13, 2020.</b></p>
<b>12. Taxable 4% wage premium for the staff of organizations related to emergency pre-hospitalization services and emergency medical dispatchers</b>	<p>A 4% taxable premium on the remuneration paid.</p> <p>Eligible staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the staff of organizations related to emergency pre-hospitalization services (managers, administrative staff, and so on) and medical dispatchers.</li> </ul> <p>The premium covers staff that worked for a targeted employer during the period specified.</p>	<p><b>Duration: Until May 31, 2020 and retroactive to March 13, 2020.</b></p>
<b>13. Taxable wage premium for middle managers in the health and social services network (HSSN)</b>	<p>A 4% taxable premium on the remuneration paid.</p> <p>Eligible staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• middle managers in the HSSN.</li> </ul> <p>The premium covers staff that worked for a targeted employer during the period specified.</p>	<p><b>Duration: Until May 31, 2020 and retroactive to March 13, 2020.</b></p>

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<p><b>14. Flexibility measures concerning the administrative management of supplemental pension plans</b></p>	<p>Three temporary flexibility measures are being implemented to help the administrators of supplemental pension plans and the plans' participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the extension, until September 30, of deadlines related to certain regulatory and legislative obligations;</li> <li>• updating of the level of creditworthiness that must be considered in the case of payments (transfers and refunds) made in defined-benefit pension plans;</li> <li>• the relaxation of disbursement rules concerning funds tied up in life income funds. Accordingly, it is possible to disburse a single amount of the funds accumulated in an LIF corresponding to 40% of the maximum pensionable earnings, that is, \$23 480 in 2020, regardless of income from other sources.</li> </ul>	<p>These measures reduce the administrative burden related to pension plans and facilitate easier access by participants to their retirement savings.</p> <p>However, they do not remove the employers' obligation to pay the stipulated contributions to the plan.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.retraitequebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/faq/covid-19/Pages/covid-19.aspx">www.retraitequebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/faq/covid-19/Pages/covid-19.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>15. \$45-million investment to support the recruiting of farm workers</b></p>	<p>The investment will fund four measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a \$100 premium for seasonal farm workers for the performance of a minimum of 25 hours a week;</li> <li>• the establishment of a program to move workers that considers existing physical distancing rules;</li> <li>• the establishment of on-site teams to intervene when new workers are integrated (a minimum of five employees to be integrated) to support agricultural producers in training new workers;</li> <li>• financial support granted to 12 farm employment centres to satisfy needs to match farming enterprises with new workers.</li> </ul>	<p>Interested individuals can register on the <a href="http://emploiagricole.com">emploiagricole.com</a> website or contact the local farm employment centre, or Agrijob in the Montréal region.</p> <p>The measures are being implemented in collaboration with the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) and AGRICarières, the agricultural production manpower sectoral committee.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.emploiagricole.com">www.emploiagricole.com</a> *</p> <p> <a href="http://www.agrijob.info">www.agrijob.info</a></p> <p> <a href="http://www.agricarrieres.qc.ca">www.agricarrieres.qc.ca</a> *</p>

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<p><b>16. Housing-related measures to help households affected by the pandemic's impact</b></p>	<p><b>Interest-free loan to pay rent</b></p> <p>The Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) is offering tenants whose income has been reduced because of COVID-19 a \$1 500 interest-free loan corresponding to two months of rent. The application must be submitted by July 15, 2020. The interest-free loan is repayable by August 1, 2020.</p> <p><b>Temporary housing measure</b></p> <p>The government is assisting Quebecers whose move to their principal residence (including a dwelling unit) has been delayed because of COVID-19.</p> <p>Eligible individuals will receive a maximum of \$2 000 per month for a maximum period of two months. They will receive the funds in the form of a reimbursement of temporary housing costs.</p> <p>Moreover, maximum financial assistance of \$1 000 will be provided to cover the households' storage and moving costs.</p> <p>The measure will also apply to households that cannot, because of COVID-19-related circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· take possession of their principal residence;</li> <li>· move into their future residential property or dwelling unit.</li> </ul>	<p>To take advantage of the loan, the tenant must complete a form that will be available shortly on the SHQ website. The financial assistance will be paid directly to the landlord.</p> <p>Construction of the principal residence must have begun prior to March 25, 2020 for delivery between April 1, 2020 up to and including August 31, 2020 and which will not occur within that time given the circumstances.</p> <p>Residences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· a future new dwelling unit or a future new residential property such as a house or a condo;</li> <li>· an extensively renovated residential property or dwelling unit that required relocation.</li> </ul> <p> <a href="http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?aiguilla-ge=ajd&amp;type=1&amp;idArticle=2804297688">www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?aiguilla-ge=ajd&amp;type=1&amp;idArticle=2804297688</a> *</p>

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# BUSINESSES

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<p><b>1. Concerted temporary action program for businesses (PACTE)</b></p>	<p>The program targets businesses operating in Québec, including cooperatives and other social economy enterprises that engage in business activities.</p> <p>A business must show that its cash-flow problems are temporary and that its lack of liquid assets stems from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· a problem in obtaining raw materials or products (goods or services);</li> <li>· the inability or significantly reduced ability to deliver products (goods or services) or goods.</li> </ul> <p>The minimum amount of the financial measure is \$50 000. Priority is always given to financing in the form of a loan guarantee. It can also take the form of a loan from Investissement Québec.</p>	<p>A 12-month moratorium on principal repayment is planned.</p> <p>Excluding the period of the loan moratorium, the loan repayment is spread over 36 months. In this particular instance, the loan can be repaid over a period of 60 months after the loan moratorium period.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.investquebec.com/quebec/en/financial-products/all-our-solutions/Concerted-temporary-action-program-for-businesses.html">www.investquebec.com/quebec/en/financial-products/all-our-solutions/Concerted-temporary-action-program-for-businesses.html</a></p>
<p><b>2. Relaxation of local investment funds</b></p>	<p>A six-month moratorium has been established for the repayment of principal and interest on loans already granted by the local investment funds. Interest accrued during this period will be added to the balance of the loan.</p> <p>This measure is added to the existing moratorium pursuant to most investment policies in force in the regional county municipalities (RCMs), which can last up to 12 months.</p> <p>The businesses covered can contact their RCMs.</p>	<p>A three-month moratorium on principal and interest applies to all loan agreements.</p> <p>An additional moratorium of up to 12 months on the principal may be granted.</p> <p>Provision is made for a 36-month amortization period. In this instance, amortization may extend up to 60 months, excluding the repayment moratorium.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.economie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/aide-financiere/fonds-local-dinvestissement-fli/">www.economie.gouv.qc.ca/bibliotheques/programmes/aide-financiere/fonds-local-dinvestissement-fli/</a> *</p>

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<p><b>3. SODEC emergency measures for cultural enterprises</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment in advance of grants under certain regular programs (PADISQ, all assistance sections, including additional touring assistance).</li> <li>• Advance payment of the second instalments of grants under certain regular programs in the books, music and entertainment, arts and crafts, cinema promotion and distribution, international affairs and export sections.</li> <li>• Evaluation of all grants for the organization of an event or participation in a national or international event that is postponed, modified or cancelled because of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Postponement, for a three-month period beginning March 16, 2020, of the repayment of the principal and interest on loans for all enterprises funded through direct loans by the SODEC business bank.</li> <li>• Temporary support program of the working capital fund for enterprises whose liquidity shortfalls stem from the inability to produce, operate, market or disseminate a Québec cultural product given the repercussions of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<p>The businesses covered can contact their RCMs.</p> <p>The amount of the intervention must be at least \$10 000 and not more than \$2 million and take the form of a term loan, a loan guarantee, or a credit renewable under conditions like the PACTE.</p> <p> <a href="https://sodec.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19-mesures-de-la-sodec-pour-soutenir-ses-clienteles/">sodec.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19-mesures-de-la-sodec-pour-soutenir-ses-clienteles/</a> *</p> <p> <a href="https://sodec.gouv.qc.ca/clients/banque-daffaires/aide-soutien-temporaire-fonds-roulement-covid-19/">sodec.gouv.qc.ca/clients/banque-daffaires/aide-soutien-temporaire-fonds-roulement-covid-19/</a> *</p>
<p><b>4. Emergency assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises</b></p>	<p>The emergency assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises program seeks to support for a limited time eligible enterprises that are experiencing financial difficulties because of COVID-19 and whose cash requirements total less than \$50 000.</p> <p>The following enterprises are eligible for the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enterprises in all areas of activity;</li> <li>• social economy enterprises, including cooperatives and non-profit organization that engage in business activities.</li> </ul> <p>To be eligible, the enterprise must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have been in operation in Québec for at least one year;</li> <li>• be closed temporarily, likely to close or show warning signs of closing;</li> <li>• be in a state of maintaining, consolidating or reviving its activities;</li> <li>• have demonstrated a causal relationships between its financial or operational problems and the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	<p>The businesses covered can contact their RCMs.</p> <p> <a href="https://www.quebec.ca/en/businesses-and-self-employed-workers/">www.quebec.ca/en/businesses-and-self-employed-workers/</a></p>

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<p><b>5. Measures administered by Revenu Québec</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>The QST payments</b> due on March 31, April 30 and May 31 can be sent on June 30, 2020. For QST payments due from March 27, 2020 to June 1, 2020, the deadline is postponed to June 30, 2020.</li> <li>· <b>The payment of corporate tax instalments and tax balances</b> due during the period beginning on March 17, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2020 is postponed until September 1, 2020.</li> <li>· The postponement to September 1, 2020 of the payment of tax balances and tax instalments also applies to the <b>mining tax</b>.</li> <li>· The deadline for the payment of the tax on <b>forestry operations</b> that would otherwise fall within the period beginning on March 17, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2020 is postponed until September 1, 2020.</li> <li>· Other deferments to June 1, 2020 are planned, for instalments or payments otherwise stipulated during the period beginning on March 17, 2020 and ending on May 31, 2020, especially as regards the production of <b>corporation income tax returns</b> and the <b>tax credit claim</b> upon submission of the documents.</li> <li>· Revenu Québec is planning the accelerated payment of tax credits and tax refunds.</li> <li>· The deadline for producing the <b>accommodation tax return</b> that would otherwise have had to be produced not later than April 30, 2020 and the attendant payment, is postponed until July 31, 2020.</li> <li>· When the deadline for producing the information return of a <b>partnership</b> would otherwise be after March 16, 2020 but prior to May 1, 2020, this date is postponed until May 1, 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>Revenu Québec is also granting other relaxation measures.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/">www.revenuquebec.ca/en/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/relief-measures-for-individuals-and-businesses/</a></p>

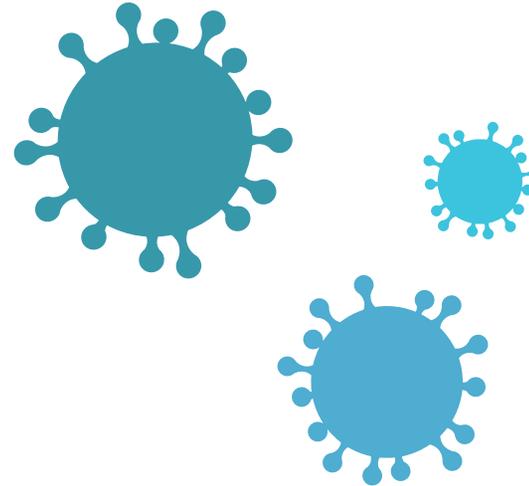
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<b>6. Assistance for the media</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Roughly \$9 million a month in additional spending on government advertising in the Québec media pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>· Accelerated processing of tax credit claims from businesses.</li> <li>· Payment in advance by the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications of 2020-2021 funding for community media.</li> <li>· The concerted temporary action program for businesses (PACTE) and the emergency assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises program, which offer emergency financing to support businesses in a precarious situation and that are experiencing temporary difficulties because of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Enhancement of La Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ)</b>	<p>A six-month moratorium on loan repayments is offered to all FADQ clients.</p> <p>Acceleration of the processing of applications for farm insurance programs.</p> <p>A loan guarantee of up to \$50 000 is available to all FADQ financing clients that are experiencing temporary cash-flow problems related to COVID-19.</p> <p>Payment in advance of investment grants on May 1 instead of June 1.</p>	 <a href="http://www.fadq.qc.ca/en/home/">www.fadq.qc.ca/en/home/</a>

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<p><b>8. Concerted Action to Maintain Employment Program (CAMEP)</b></p>	<p>The Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale is offering the program in collaboration with the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail.</p> <p>The CAMEP will offer direct support to businesses, including self-employed workers, whose activities are reduced, especially through collective promoters recognized by the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail, that is, organizations whose efforts affect a number of businesses and employed workers.</p> <p>The program comprises two sections, one aimed at businesses and the other aimed at collective promoters.</p> <p>It will end on September 30, 2020 or when the \$100-million budget allowance is exhausted.</p> <p>The training or human resources management projects submitted can be of variable duration according to the needs determined.</p> <p>Consult the link in the right-hand column for information on eligible expenses.</p>	<p>The eligible activities under the program focus on training and human resources management.</p> <p>Reimbursement of the eligible expenses of the training projects of businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of expenses of \$100 000 or less;</li> <li>• 50% of expenses between \$100 000 and \$500 000.</li> </ul> <p>The program can be combined with and complement all other measures that the federal or provincial government announces during the period specified.</p> <p>Eligible expenses: Reimbursement of wages up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% of the total payroll of workers in training (maximum hourly wage of \$25), if the enterprise is receiving the 75% Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy;</li> <li>• 90% of the total payroll of workers in training, if the enterprise is receiving the 10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers;</li> <li>• 100% of the wages of workers in training, if the enterprise is not receiving any federal government wage subsidy.</li> </ul> <p>Reimbursement of up to 100% of training expenses, attendant expenses and expenses related to human resources management, according to the applicable scales, for example, professional fees.</p> <p>A maximum grant per establishment of up to \$500 000.</p> <p> <a href="http://www.quebec.ca/entreprises-et-travailleurs-autonomes/programme-actions-concertees-pour-le-maintien-en-emploi-pacme-covid-19/">www.quebec.ca/entreprises-et-travailleurs-autonomes/programme-actions-concertees-pour-le-maintien-en-emploi-pacme-covid-19/</a> *</p>

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<b>9. Le Panier bleu</b>	<p>The objective is to give a boost to the Québec economy through local online purchases of products, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· supporting Québec merchants;</li> <li>· promoting their online sales;</li> <li>· heightening public awareness of the importance of buying locally.</li> </ul>	<p>Québec merchants can list their business and products free of charge on <a href="https://panierbleu.ca">panierbleu.ca</a>.</p> <p> <a href="https://panierbleu.ca">lepanierbleu.ca</a> *</p>
<b>10. Commercial rent emergency assistance program</b>	<p>The program seeks to support commercial tenants whose activities are disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and commercial landlords who are experiencing difficulties in meeting their mortgage and other fixed cost obligations.</p> <p>Through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the program will offer landlords repayable loans covering up to 50% of three monthly rental payments due in April, May and June. In exchange, the landlords must lower or cancel the rents of businesses that are their tenants for the three months.</p>	<p>To be eligible, their tenant affected must be a small enterprise whose monthly rent does not exceed \$50 000 and that has temporarily halted its activities or experienced a drop of at least 70% in its income prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p> <a href="https://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Communiqués/en/COMEN_20200424.pdf">www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Communiqués/en/COMEN_20200424.pdf</a></p> <p> <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories">pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories</a></p>
<b>11. Credit to businesses for their contribution to the Health Services Fund</b>	<p>Following the implementation of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Québec government will grant employers a credit on contributions to the Health Services Fund (HSF) for employees on forced leave.</p>	<p>This additional assistance, which offsets costs not covered by the federal government measure, will be in force for the entire duration of the 12-week wage subsidy, which now extends from March 15 to June 6, 2020.</p> <p> <a href="https://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Communiqués/en/COMEN_20200430.pdf">www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Communiqués/en/COMEN_20200430.pdf</a></p>

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