

# PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION

## EMPLOI-QUÉBEC



If you apply for **social assistance benefits**, the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale must determine whether **your parents are required to help you** meet your needs.

In some situations, parents must provide financial support for a child who has reached the age of majority and is a beneficiary of the Social Assistance Program.

The amount parents must contribute is determined on the basis of their incomes. The amount of the child's social assistance benefit is reduced by the amount of the parental contribution.

The parental contribution applies for a maximum of **three** years. It is reassessed every year.

### EXCEPTIONS

A parental contribution is **not taken into account** when setting the amount of the benefit if the person meets one of **the following conditions and is therefore considered independent**:

- The person has or had a dependant child;
- The person is at least 20 weeks pregnant;
- The person is or was married or in a civil union;
- The person is living in a de facto union and has, at one time, cohabited with that person for at least 12 months;
- The person held remunerated full-time employment for at least 2 years, OR received, further to such work, employment insurance benefits or parental insurance benefits, benefits from the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST) or the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), or salary insurance;
- The person has not been a full-time student for at least 7 years since ceasing to be subject to compulsory school attendance (age 16);

- The person holds a bachelor's degree;
- The person has provided for his or her own needs AND resided elsewhere than at the place of residence of his or her father or mother for at least 2 years, excluding any period during which the beneficiary was a full-time student.

A parental contribution is **not taken into account** in setting the amount of benefits if the person is in one of the **following situations**:

- The person's parents are beneficiaries of last-resort financial assistance;
- The person's mother **and** father are unknown, untraceable or deceased;
- The person is the victim of parental abuse (physical or psychological);
- The person's parents refuse to provide for his or her needs and the person does not live with them.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Call **1-877-767- 8773** (toll free)  
or go to **[www.emploi.quebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.emploi.quebec.gouv.qc.ca)**.

#### NOTE

This general information document cannot be used for legal interpretation purposes. The parental contribution does not apply in the case of the Social Solidarity Program.