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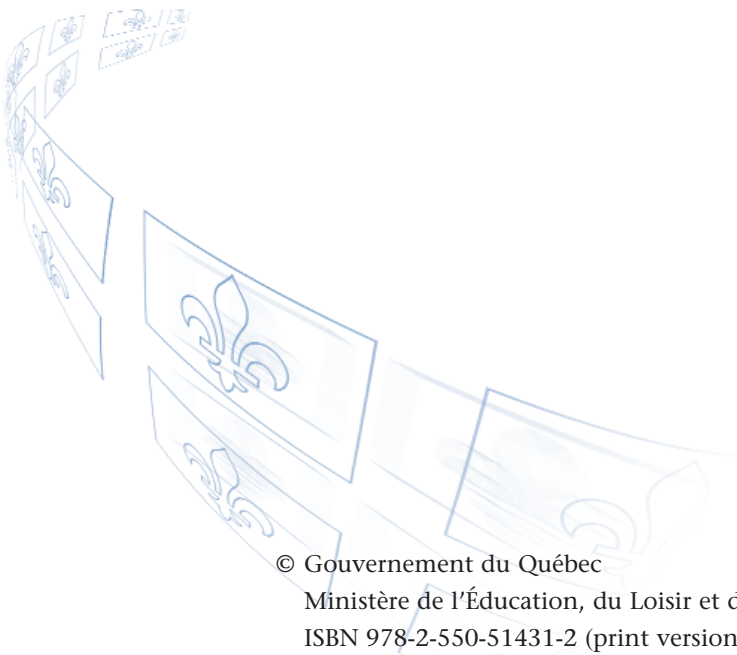
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Introduction

Education is a priority in Québec. The Québec education system is one of the most advanced and successful in North America. Diplomas issued by Québec universities are internationally recognized and provide international students with access to good jobs throughout the world.

In addition to providing basic facts about Québec's territory, society and history, this booklet also provides information about the advantages of studying in Québec, academic and training programs and their requirements, assistance for international students, visa requirements and life in Québec.

The information provided in this booklet was accurate when updated. It comes from various sources and does not in any way replace the laws currently in force. The fees given are subject to change without notice.

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Part One

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1 QUÉBEC

1.1 Territory

Québec is the largest of the ten Canadian provinces. It is divided into 17 administrative regions. See Appendix VI for a map of the province. At 1 667 926 km², its area is 3 times that of France, 7 times that of the United Kingdom, and more than half that of Argentina. It is bounded by the province of Ontario, James Bay and Hudson Bay on the west; Hudson Strait and Ungava Bay on the north; Labrador, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the province of New Brunswick on the east; and the United States (the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York) on the south.

Québec City is the capital of the province of Québec.

1.2 Society*

The population of Québec is more than seven million, and its inhabitants and economic activity are concentrated in the south, along the St. Lawrence River.

There are two main linguistic groups in Québec: the French, who make up 79.6 percent of the population, and the English, who account for 8.2 percent. Native communities make up 0.5 percent of the population. The English-speaking minority is found mainly in and around Montréal. Quebecers whose mother tongue is neither French nor English make up 12.3 percent of the population; they also live mainly in the region of Montréal. Lastly, 1.3 percent of Quebecers of all origins have more than one mother tongue.

Québec's official language is French, although most services, including education from preschool (kindergarten) to university, are available in English.

* Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

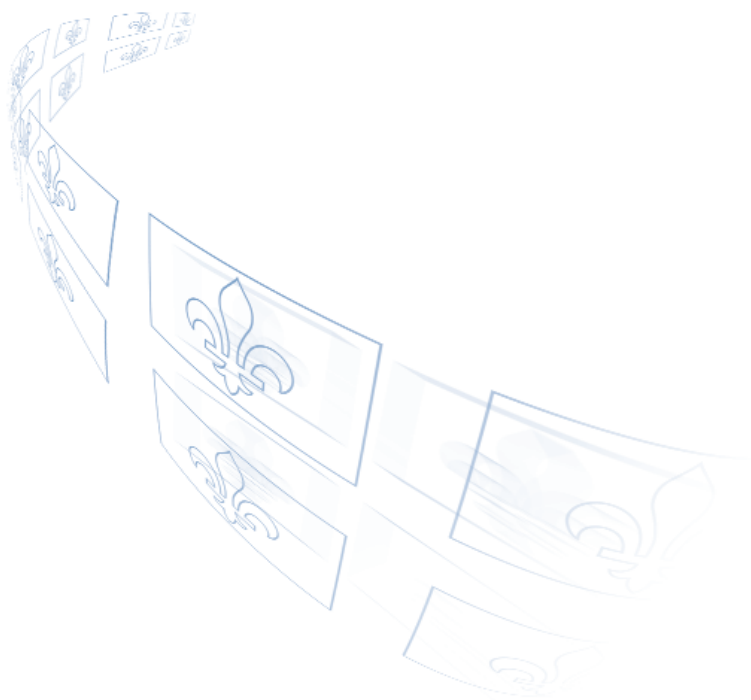
1.3 History

In 1534, Jacques Cartier, a French navigator, claimed the territories corresponding to present-day Québec for François I. However, real colonization of the territory then called New France began only under the reign of Henri IV with the foundation of Québec City in 1608. French colonists gradually settled on the shores of the St. Lawrence River, and the first public and religious establishments were founded.

The development of New France was quite eventful. After their presence had been accepted by some of the Amerindian peoples, the French settlers had to defend themselves against the British, who were claiming the territory. The Treaty of Utrecht (1713) put an end to a series of conflicts between France and England, and the colony flourished in the period of peace that followed. However, the Seven Years' War—marked by the capture of Québec City in 1759 and of Montréal in 1760 and concluding with the Treaty of Paris in 1763—put an end to French colonial activities in New France.

Many political and constitutional changes occurred after that period. In 1774, under the Québec Act, the territory conquered by the British was named the "Province of Québec." This act stemmed from the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which pushed back the borders of Québec into the territory of the natives beyond the Great Lakes into the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. In 1791, under the Constitutional Act, the territory was split into two distinct colonies: Upper Canada (now Ontario) and Lower Canada (now Québec). The colonies were reunited in 1841 under the Act of Union and separated again, for the last time, in 1867, when the Canadian federation was created (British North America Act).

Today, Canada is made up of ten provinces, including Québec, and three territories. In Canada, jurisdictions are divided between three levels of government: federal, provincial and territorial. Education falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of each province and territory. Thus, the Québec government has the authority to legislate in the area of education and higher education. The federal government has exclusive jurisdiction over some areas (postal services, armed forces, etc.) but shares responsibility for other areas (immigration, etc.) with the provinces and territories.



2 THE ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING IN QUÉBEC

2.1 The Excellence of the Education System

Students who obtain a secondary school diploma in Québec rank among the most successful in Canada and throughout the world. Québec also posts one of the highest rates of young people who obtain a first university degree. Several colleges and universities in Québec are recognized internationally and some are affiliated with world-renowned research centres.

In 2006, Québec admitted more than 35 000 international students to its schools, colleges and universities. Two thirds of them were enrolled in universities.

2.2 The Choice of Studying in English or French

The Québec college and university network includes both English- and French-language institutions. A full list of colleges and universities and their addresses appears in Appendixes III and IV.

2.3 Competitive Fees

Tuition fees for international students in Québec are among the lowest in North America. For an equivalent-quality university education, it is less expensive to study in Québec than anywhere else in North America.

2.4 Quality of Life

Reputed for its wide open spaces, Québec has become a world-renowned outdoor destination. Visitors appreciate the impressive diversity of its panoramas and its rich palette of activities.

Québec also offers remarkable urban life, blending the modern aspect of North American cities and the charm of European destinations. With its educational institutions, recognized industrial parks, prestigious research centres, knowledge-based economy and the expertise of its researchers in emerging sectors, Québec attracts thousands of students each year.

2.5 Safe Living Conditions

Québec is recognized for its tranquillity, its sense of justice and its respect for individuals. Firearms are strictly controlled and are usually not authorized on Canadian soil. The crime rate is among the lowest in North America.

2.6 A Dynamic Economy

Québec holds a strategic position in north-eastern North America. It is a member in its own right of the continent's vast commercial and economic networks. Québec offers direct access to more than 130 million consumers within a 1 000-km radius.

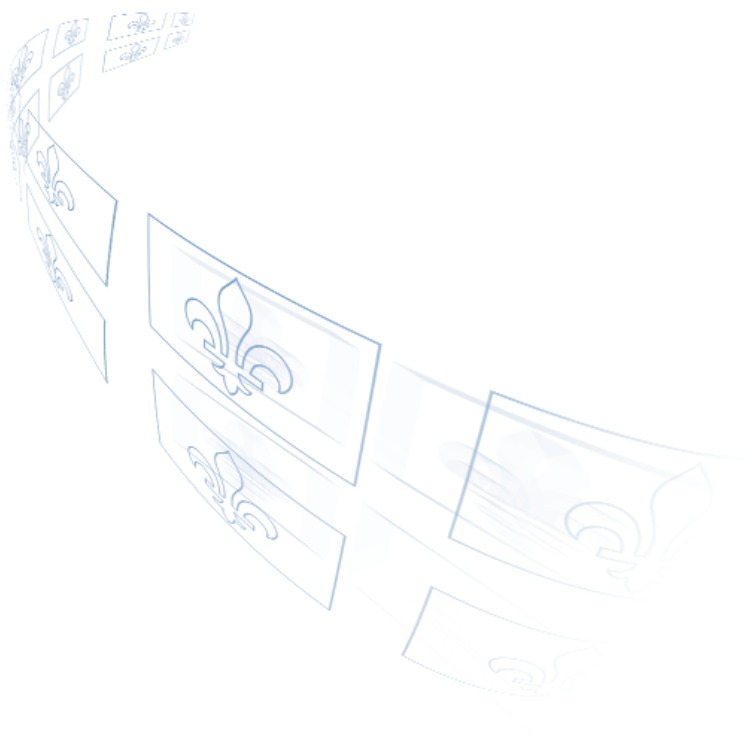
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2.7 A Dynamic Culture

Québec enjoys a prolific, dynamic and unique culture. With a society that is increasingly diversified, cultural life in Québec includes a multitude of important intercultural and international events. Festivals, carnivals, celebrations and sports events are only a few examples of the choices available.



3 EDUCATION IN QUÉBEC

Québec's education system includes preschool education (kindergarten), elementary and secondary school education, college education, vocational and technical training, and university education. School attendance is mandatory for all children between the ages of 6 and 16. Education from kindergarten through college is free for all Québec residents. The public education system in Québec is nondenominational. It is established along language lines, French and English, depending on the language of instruction in the school. Since French is the official language of Québec, the children of immigrants, regardless of their mother tongue, must attend a school belonging to the French school board in their municipality until the end of secondary school. Boys and girls attend school together at every level of education.

Québec also has a network of private institutions recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). These institutions offer government-approved programs of study. Those wishing to attend a private institution must pay a tuition fee and meet specific admission requirements.

Appendix I contains a diagram of the Québec education system.

3.1 Preschool, Elementary and Secondary School Education

The preschool, elementary and secondary school system provides services ranging from kindergarten for five-year-olds to Secondary V or vocational training. Elementary school lasts six years; secondary school, five.

Preschool education and elementary and secondary school education is offered in public and private schools.

Québec's 2 380 public schools are administered by school boards. Québec has had school boards since 1845. There are 72 school boards in all: 60 French school boards, nine English school boards and three special-status school boards.

School boards come under the authority of the MELS, which funds them and determines the type of the educational services they will offer. School commissioners who are elected by universal suffrage administer the school boards. School boards are responsible for offering quality educational services in order to foster the students' overall development and integration into society and to help them set personal and professional goals. In this way, school boards aim to effectively meet the educational needs of young people, adults and organizations, including businesses.

There are currently 350 private schools, more than 70 percent of which receive funding from the MELS.



3.2 College Education

College education comes after secondary school; it is the first level of postsecondary education, the second being university.

Colleges offer two types of programs: regular (pre-university) programs leading to university studies, and technical programs leading to the labour market, but which can also lead to university. Both types of programs lead to an official diploma issued by the MELS, the Diploma of College Studies (DCS). Regardless of the type of program, students take general education courses, some of which are common to all programs.

The eight regular (pre-university) two-year programs are the following: science; social science; dance; music; fine arts; creative arts, literature and languages; science, literature and languages, creative arts; and liberal arts. Some college-level institutions also offer the international baccalaureate or programs leading to two DCSs.

A total of 115 three-year technical programs are offered in five areas: biological sciences; physical sciences; social sciences; administrative sciences; and arts.

There are currently 48 public colleges (known as CEGEPs, from the French Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel) in Québec, 11 institutions under the authority of a government department other than the MELS and 61 private colleges (25 of which are MELS-subsidized), including two institutions governed by an international agreement. The public CEGEPs, the institutions under the authority of a government department other than the MELS and the 25 subsidized colleges are listed in Appendix III.

Further information on college programs is available in French on the MELS Web site at the following address: <www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ens-sup/ens-coll/programm.asp>.

Information is also available on the Cégep international Web site, at the following address: <www.cegepinternational.qc.ca>.

3.3 Vocational and Technical Training

Vocational and technical training is an integral part of the education system. It is available at both the secondary (vocational training) and college (technical training) levels for young people and adults, and leads directly to the labour market.

Vocational Training

Offered at the secondary level in school boards and private schools, vocational training is designed for students who have successfully completed Secondary III or IV. Vocational training is offered in 174 public vocational training centres and allows students to learn a trade or occupation. In all, 168 programs are available to young people and adults. All vocational training programs lead to one of the following government-issued diplomas: the Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) or the Attestation of Vocational Specialization (AVS).

Technical Training

Technical training is offered at CEGEPs and private colleges.

Graduates of technical training programs in the youth sector receive the government-issued Diploma of College Studies (DCS). This diploma allows the holder to practise a technical trade or occupation.

CEGEPs may also offer continuing training for students in the adult sector. These programs lead to an Attestation of College Studies (ACS) issued by the institution itself. About 1000 such programs are offered by different colleges.

Further information on vocational and technical training is available on the Inforoute FPT Web site at the following address: http://www.gouv.qc.ca/wps/portal/pgs/international/etudier/systemeeducation?lang=en&brows er:relurl=/ContentServer/connect/Pgs_v01/internationale/etudier/systeme/professionnelle/int.etudier.systeme.professionnelle.en.

3.4 University Education

Québec's universities enjoy a great deal of autonomy. Each university develops and manages its teaching and research programs, sets its admission and registration requirements and awards its diplomas.

University programs are offered at three levels leading respectively to a bachelor's degree (three or four years), a master's degree (two years) and finally a doctoral degree (three or more years).

There are four French universities: Université Laval; Université de Montréal, which has two affiliated schools; Université de Sherbrooke; and Université du Québec, which has 10 branches throughout the province, including a distance education centre called Télé-université (TELUQ).

There are also three English universities: McGill University, Concordia University, and Bishop's University.

See Appendix IV for the addresses of all 18 universities.

4 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Prerequisites

International candidates must first obtain information on the programs offered in Québec educational institutions. They may contact either the educational institution of their choice directly or the MELS general inquiries desk (see section 4.3). Program information is provided in the publication *College Circuit* and on the MELS Web site at: www.mels.gouv.qc.ca.

4.2 Recognition of Equivalent Studies

In Québec, the educational institutions themselves determine which courses they will recognize for the purposes of admission. Candidates must submit their application in French or English, depending on the language of instruction at the institution. An assessment of equivalent studies is carried out by an institution only when the application for admission is made in accordance with its established procedure. International candidates who do not know at which level they should apply (CEGEP or university) because of the distinctive structure of Québec's higher education system may request a Comparative Evaluation of Studies Done Outside Québec from the Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles (MICC). They may then submit this document to the educational institution of their choice.

The comparative evaluation does not establish equivalences, but rather compares two education systems. It lists the degrees and other diplomas obtained for studies completed outside Québec and the equivalent level of education in Québec. Candidates must enclose all required documents with their applications along with payment of a fee. Applications for comparative evaluations must be sent to the following address:

*Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles
Centre d'expertise sur les formations acquises hors du Québec
255, boul. Crémazie Est, bureau 8.01
Montréal (Québec) H2M 1M2
Canada*

*Telephone: 514-864-9191
E-mail: renseignements@micc.gouv.qc.ca*

(Do not forget to provide your mailing address in your e-mail message.)

Additional information on required supporting documents, translation, fees and the time needed to process an application for a comparative evaluation, as well as the application form, is available on the MICC Web site at: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/anglais/education/evaluation-comparative/index.html.

4.3 Applications for Admission

Preschool, Elementary School and Secondary School

Information on preschool, elementary and secondary school education and admission requirements is available on the MELS Web site at: www.mels.gouv.qc.ca, or from the Direction des communications:

Renseignements généraux

Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport
1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 28^e étage
Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5
CANADA

Telephone: 418-643-7095

Toll-free: 1-866-747-6628

Fax: 418-646-6561

E-mail: <http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/nousjoindre>

Please note that, in all correspondence sent to Québec institutions, the sender's address must be legible and the required information, clearly stated.

College

All students seeking admission to a college-level institution must file an application. As the deadline for these applications varies from one college to another, students are asked to contact the institution of their choice to find out the deadline that applies to them. See Appendix III for the list of college-level institutions and their addresses.

Applications must be sent to a regional admissions service (Montréal, Québec City, Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean) or directly to the educational institution in the case of CEGEPs that are not part of a regional admissions service. Each regional admissions service or college-level educational institution has the authority to evaluate international students' credentials for admission purposes.

Students file only one application with a CEGEP or a regional admissions service. See Appendix III for the list of college-level institutions, their addresses, and their affiliation with a regional admissions service.

Students applying for admission to a private college should contact the college directly (see Appendix III).

University

Students must contact the university of their choice directly (see Appendix IV) and ask whether the program in which they wish to register is open to international students. Students are asked to contact the institution of their choice to find out the deadline that applies to them.

Their applications must state the number of years of study completed and attested to by a transcript or diploma and provide any other relevant information.

4.4 Tuition Fees

International students are required to pay tuition fees. Since these fees are adjusted annually, please visit the MELS Web site to see the most recent figures: www.mels.gouv.qc.ca.

Preschool, Elementary School and Secondary School

The tuition fees for international students at the elementary and secondary levels are as follows:

- preschool (five-year-olds) and elementary school: \$4 982 per year
- secondary school, general education: \$6 230 per year
- secondary school, vocational training: depending on the program

No tuition fees are charged for the dependent children of individuals living in Québec temporarily as international students.

College

Tuition fees at the college level range from \$4 010 to \$6 215 per term for students enrolled in a CEGEP, depending on the program of study, and from \$2 404 to \$3 732 per term for students enrolled in a private institution. Other fees to be paid by international students (admission, registration and other miscellaneous fees, fees for course materials and student association fees) add up to between \$105 and \$700 per year, depending on the program of study and the institution. International students must also find out from their institution whether they are covered by a group health and hospitalization insurance policy or whether they must take out a private insurance policy. Premiums for health and hospital insurance can cost about \$600 per year.* There are two terms in an academic year.

University

Tuition fees for international students at the university level consist of:
(1) the fees charged to Québec students, i.e. around \$58.94 per credit;
(2) a lump sum which varies as follows:

- at the bachelor's level: \$306.60 per credit in social sciences, geography, education, physical education, administration, languages and literature, and law; \$348.60 per credit in other fields of study
- at the master's level: \$306.60 per credit
- at the doctoral level: \$269.85 per credit

Universities may also charge an additional amount equivalent to a maximum of 10 percent of the lump sum.

Students writing a thesis or dissertation must pay a lump sum for each additional term, the amount of which varies from one university to another.

The usual course load for a term is 15 credits. There are two terms in the academic year, three in some programs. Special provisions apply to students in medicine.

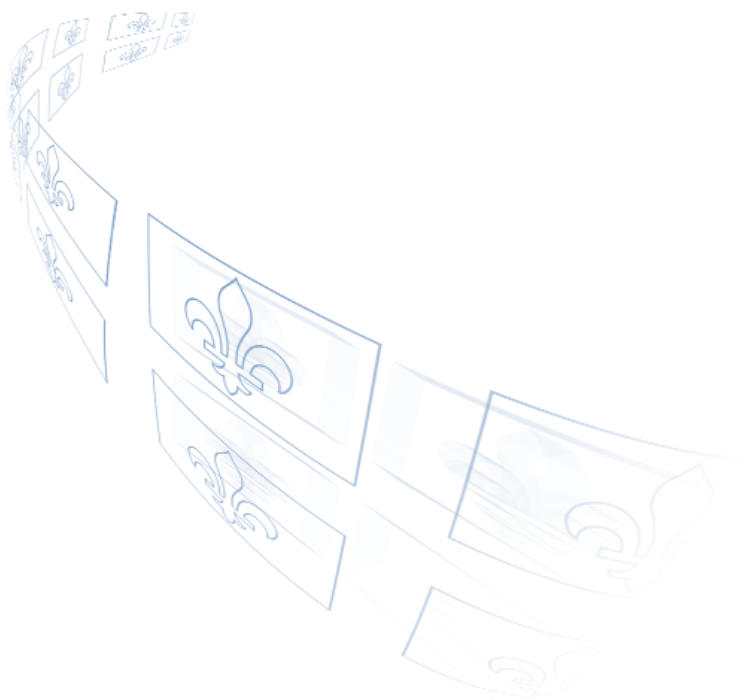
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Other fees to be paid by international students include \$30 to \$150 for application fees, depending on the program of study, and other miscellaneous fees, fees for course materials and student association fees, which vary from \$200 to \$1 100 per term, depending on the program and institution. International students must also add premiums for a health and hospital insurance policy, which add up to approximately \$744 per year.*

* Under the Entente France-Québec en matière de sécurité sociale, French students (with the exception of residents of the Territoires, Pays et Collectivité d'outre-mer) are insured under the Québec health care plan.



5 ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Québec government offers a number of measures aimed at helping international students prepare for and pursue their studies in Québec, including a reception and referral service, exemptions from differential tuition fees and a merit fellowship program. Québec public and private colleges and universities also offer a range of services for international students.

5.1 Reception and Referral Services

The MELS and the MICC have set up information services for international students, who may also address their queries to a Québec delegation abroad or to the Canadian diplomatic mission in their country.

For information on programs, registration or requirements, international students must contact the educational institution directly. For further information, consult the list of colleges and universities in Appendixes III and IV.

5.2 Exemption From Differential Tuition Fees

College and University

A limited number of international students from countries with which Québec has signed an agreement on tuition fees are exempt from the differential tuition fees they would normally have to pay. They therefore pay the same fees as Québec students. However, these students are still required to pay other registration-related fees, including miscellaneous fees, fees for course materials, student association fees, health insurance and hospital insurance premiums.

Exemptions are granted in keeping with the provisions of the agreement concerning tuition fees and the applicable terms and conditions. For more information about this program and to find out whether their country has signed such an agreement with Québec or whether the agreement is still in force, international students must contact the authorities in their country. Further information is also available at the following MELS Web address under Programme d'exemption des droits de scolarité supplémentaires ou exemption du montant forfaitaire—Document d'information à l'intention des étudiants étrangers: www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ens-sup/ens-univ/coop.asp. forfaitaire – Document d'information à l'attention des étudiants étrangers » à l'adresse suivante : www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/ens-sup/ens-univ/coop.asp.

5.3 Québec Merit Fellowships for Foreign Students

The Québec Merit Fellowships Program for Foreign Students aims to support the internationalization of the educational and research activities of Québec universities and research centres and is at the disposal of professors and researchers at universities and College Technology Transfer Centres (CCTTs) that wish to attract high-calibre students, researchers and administrators. The list of all 18 universities and 31 CCTTs appears in Appendixes IV and V.

The program provides for three categories of fellowships.

■ *Merit Fellowships for Doctoral Studies*

The merit fellowships for doctoral studies are intended for the most deserving international students. These fellowships are granted for a maximum duration of three years with a possible extension of 12 months.

■ *Merit Fellowships for Post-Doctoral Research*

The merit fellowships for post-doctoral research are intended for beginning researchers whose research skills are recognized as exceptional and who have obtained a doctoral degree no more than two years before the closing date of the competition. These fellowships are granted for a maximum period of 12 months and are not renewable.

■ *Merit Fellowships for Study or Scientific Research Visits*

The purpose of the merit fellowships for study or scientific research visits is to provide financial aid to students at the technical level and to researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree before the closing date of the competition. These fellowships are granted for a maximum period of four months and are not renewable.

For the three above-mentioned fellowships, priority is given to academic exchanges established within the framework of agreements between Québec and foreign universities or laboratories.

This MELS program is administered by the *Fonds québécois de recherche sur la nature et les technologies* (FQRNT).

To be admissible for the fellowships in this program, candidates must be recommended by a professor or a researcher from a Québec university or the Réseau Trans-tech pour les CCTT. Fellows are then selected by FQRNT evaluation and selection committees. Further information is available on the FQRNT Web site at: www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca.

6 EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

In addition to enrolling in a program of study in Québec with a view to obtaining a diploma or degree, international students can participate in an exchange program.

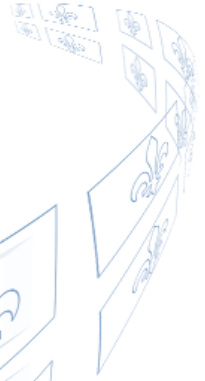
These programs are available under:

- agreements on student mobility between different institutions
- higher education in Québec and foreign institutions
- agreements signed by the Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ) or Cégep international and foreign institutions

Exchange programs enable international students to do some of their studies in an educational institution in Québec (host institution), while remaining enrolled in an institution in their country of origin (home institution). Students pay their tuition fees to their home institution.

The duration of the exchange may not exceed two terms. Activities (courses or internships) carried out as part of the exchange must be recognized by the home institution.

For further information about exchange programs offered in institutions of higher education in Québec, consult the CREPUQ's Web site or, for college-level institutions, the Cégep international Web site, at the following address: www.cegepinternational.qc.ca.



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7 IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

If you wish to study in Québec, you must first be admitted to the educational institution of your choice. You must then obtain a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec pour études (CAQ pour études—a Québec acceptance certificate for studies) from the MICC as well as a study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. This requirement applies to any program that lasts longer than six months and that is offered at the elementary level through to the university level, and to any other program offered by an educational institution. Some foreign nationals may also need a temporary resident visa to enter Canada. In such cases, the Canadian visa officer will issue the visitor a visa at the same time as the study permit.

7.1 Procedure

Step 1

Certain categories of persons are not required to obtain a Québec acceptance certificate for studies under special exemptions (see section 7.2). If you fall into one of these categories, you do not have to go through the following steps.

If you fall into none of the categories listed, make sure that you meet the requirements for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies (see section 7.3) and go on to the next step.

Step 2

Complete an Application for a Québec Acceptance Certificate for Studies form. You must send your application to the following address:

Service aux étudiants étrangers

Direction de l'immigration temporaire

Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles

285, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, rez-de-chaussée, bureau G-15

Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1T8

Canada

If you live in Austria, the United States, France (including Reunion Island), Greenland, Hong Kong, Mexico, Monaco or Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, your application must include the applicable processing fees as well as the following documents:

- an original recent ID photo, passport format (35 mm by 45 mm), with your name on the back
- a legible photocopy of the pages of your valid passport containing personal information and your photo
- your admission letter from the registrar's or admission office of the educational institution you will be attending



- recent proof of financial ability or support, depending on your situation

In this case, Citizenship and Immigration Canada may also request that you submit proof of financial support when you apply for a student authorization.

If you live in any other country, your application must include the applicable processing fees as well as the following documents:

- an original recent ID photo, passport format (35 mm by 45 mm), with your name on the back
- a legible photocopy of the pages of your valid passport containing personal information and your photo
- your admission letter from the registrar's or admission office of the educational institution you will be attending

In this case, proof of financial support must be submitted to the Canadian Visa Office along with your application for a study permit.

Further information about applying for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies is available on the following Web site: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca.

Please note that, regardless of their country of origin, minors (anyone under the age of 18) must also submit all documents required for their situation.

Step 3

If your file is complete and you meet the requirements, a Québec acceptance certificate for studies will be issued in your name and will be valid for the entire duration of your studies in Québec, up to a maximum of 36 months.

Step 4

Contact the Canadian Visa Office to apply for a study permit and, if applicable, a temporary resident visa. The procedure is outlined on Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Web site at www.cic.gc.ca.

Depending on your country of origin or the countries you have visited recently, you may be asked to undergo a medical examination. To find out whether you are required to undergo such an examination, and for a list of physicians authorized by the government of Canada to practise in your country, please consult Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Web site at www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/medical/index.asp.

Renewal

If your period of study extends beyond the expiration date of your Québec acceptance certificate for studies, if you transfer to another level of education or if you enroll in a program at the same level but that will end before the expiration date of your current Québec acceptance certificate for studies, you must apply for a new certificate at the following address:

*Service aux étudiants étrangers
Direction de l'immigration temporaire
Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles
285, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, rez-de-chaussée, bureau G-15
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1T8
CANADA*

You should apply for your new certificate two months before the original Québec acceptance certificate and your study permit expire.

The list of documents to submit with your application for the renewal of your Québec acceptance certificate for studies can be found on the MICC Web site at the following address: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca.

Once you have received your new Québec acceptance certificate for studies, you must apply to Citizenship and Immigration Canada for a new study permit and, if applicable, a temporary resident visa. The procedure you must follow is outlined on Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Web site at the following address: www.cic.gc.ca.

7.2 Exemptions

Persons falling into one of the following categories are not required, under the regulation, to hold a Québec acceptance certificate for studies:

- students participating in a Canadian assistance program for developing countries
- students who wish to take a course lasting less than six months
- family members of diplomatic officers, consular officers, duly certified representatives or public servants of a foreign country or of the United Nations or one of its agencies or an international organization
- U.S. citizens living in Québec and who present a request for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies within the first six weeks of their stay in Québec
- minors (under 18 years old) for whom refugee status is sought or the minor children of a person seeking refugee status in Canada
- minors (under 18 years old) accompanying one of their parents to Québec (international student or temporary worker)
- holders of a valid Certificat de sélection du Québec (CSQ, or Québec selection certificate) allowed by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to apply in Canada for permanent resident status
- holders of a temporary visa issued as a preliminary to eventual permanent resident status

7.3 Requirements for a Québec Acceptance Certificate for Studies

To qualify for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies, you must:

- provide proof of acceptance by a recognized educational institution in Québec
- promise that your studies will be your main activity during your stay in Québec
- pay the fees required to examine your application



Part Two

Living in Québec

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

- provide proof that you hold health and hospital insurance or that you have the financial resources to pay for health and hospital insurance for yourself and any family members travelling with you for the duration of your stay in Québec. This requirement does not apply if you will be studying at the college or university level and you come from Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Norway or Portugal. Furthermore, it does not apply to students from Finland or Sweden, regardless of the level at which they will be studying. The latter must provide proof that they are covered by a health insurance plan from their last country of residence. Spouses and family members of students from these countries are also exempt from the above requirement.

If you are a student under 18 years of age and coming to Québec unaccompanied, you must also provide the following with your application for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies:

- a photocopy of your birth certificate, indicating your parents' names
- a photocopy of an ID document for each of your parents, signed by them
- a duly completed *Declaration of Parental Authority*, authorizing you to stay and study in Québec and delegating the rights and duties of custody, supervision and education for the length of your stay to a Québec resident aged 18 or older (Canadian citizen or permanent resident)
- a duly completed *Declaration of Guardianship for a Minor Child* (under 18 years of age) for the duration of your Québec acceptance certificate or until you reach the age of 18, signed by your guardian

The *Declaration of Parental Authority* and the *Declaration of Guardianship for a minor child* (under 18 years of age) are available on the MICC's Web site at the following address: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/forms/search-title/dca-studies.html.

In addition, when you apply for your Québec acceptance certificate for studies, you must provide proof that you have enough money to cover:

- travel costs (e.g. return airfare)
- tuition fees and related fees
- health and hospital insurance premiums, if applicable
- settling-in expenses for the first year (C\$500)
- living expenses for the length of your stay. The amounts for 2008 are as follows:
 - one person 18 years old or older (C\$10 600)
 - two persons 18 years old or older (C\$15 600)
 - one person under 18 years old (C\$5 300)
 - one person 18 years old or over and one person under 18 years old (C\$14 200)
 - two persons 18 years old or over and one person under 18 years old (C\$17 500)
 - two persons 18 years old or over and two persons under 18 years old (C\$18 850)

These expenses are reviewed on the first of January of every year. Information is available on the MICC Web site at: <www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca>.

If a person other than your parents is paying your expenses, the *Declaration of Financial Support* must be filled out and signed by that person. This form is included in the application form for the Québec acceptance certificate for studies, and is also available on the MICC's Web site at the following address: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/forms/search-title/dca-studies.html.

7.4 Processing Fees and Deadlines

Processing Fees

The processing fee for a Québec acceptance certificate for studies is C\$100, payable upon application. This fee will not be reimbursed, even if your application is refused.

The processing fee is payable in Canadian funds, and only the following forms of payment are accepted:

- credit card (In this case, the Payment by Credit Card form must be filled out. This form is available on the MICC Web site at the following address: <www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca>.)
- certified cheque issued by a Canadian bank (personal cheques are not accepted)
- bank draft issued by a Canadian bank
- cash when the application is made in person at the Service aux étudiants étrangers

Certified cheques, cashier's cheques and bank drafts must be made out to the Minister of Finance of Québec.

Processing fees are also charged by Citizenship and Immigration Canada for a study permit.

Deadlines

Students are advised to file their application as soon as they receive their admission letter from the educational institution where they will be studying so that they will have the documents required to enter Canada before classes begin.

8 USEFUL INFORMATION

8.1 On Arrival

Formalities

On arrival at the Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport, international students must present:

- their study permit or a letter of authorization from Citizenship and Immigration Canada and, where necessary, their temporary resident visa
- their Québec acceptance certificate for studies, if applicable
- a passport that is valid for the planned length of their stay
- an official letter of acceptance from a Québec educational institution

Students should keep these documents handy rather than pack them in their luggage.

Students may ask Québec Immigration Service staff at the airport for directions to the college or university they will be attending and for help in finding temporary accommodations, if needed.

Students should arrive in Québec at least two weeks before classes begin to familiarize themselves with the educational institution, their place of residence, services, transportation, schedules and so on. Ideally, they should arrive in mid-August for the fall term and in early January for the winter term.

It should be noted that all college and university activities are suspended during the Christmas holidays.

Customs

International students must prepare a list of all personal belongings they are bringing with them into Canada or are having shipped by sea or air freight. They must submit this list to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada officer upon arrival. Certain items, such as plants, fruit, meat and meat products, and firearms, are prohibited from entry into Canada.

8.2 Daily Life

Currency

The currency used in Québec is the Canadian dollar (C\$). The Canadian dollar is equal to 100 cents. There are 1-, 5-, 10- and 25-cent coins, 1- and 2-dollar coins, and 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100- and 1 000-dollar bills. The value of the Canadian dollar in relation to other currencies often fluctuates.

The exchange rate for the Canadian dollar (C\$) is listed on most Web sites specialized in currency exchange, such as www.oanda.com.

Transfer of Funds

Students should consult a financial institution for information on how to transfer funds from a bank in their country of origin to a financial institution in Québec. The educational institution can provide the names and addresses of financial institutions in its vicinity.

Housing

Students planning to live on the campus of the college or university must reserve a room as soon as possible, once they have received a letter of acceptance from the educational institution. Most colleges and universities operate a housing service for students who prefer to rent a room or an apartment off campus.

Meals

The price of meals can vary. Less expensive meals cost about \$8.00, plus provincial and federal taxes (15 percent) and tip (usually 15 percent calculated before taxes). The tip is therefore equal to the total amount of tax charged.

Most colleges and universities have cafeterias where inexpensive meals are served and tips are generally not paid, but eating at home is the cheapest alternative.

Clothing

Québec is known for its harsh winters: temperatures sometimes drop to -30°C . Certain weather conditions, such as high winds and humidity, increase the chill factor. Coats or parkas, woollens, lined boots, gloves or mittens, and woollen hats are essential. Students should purchase these items in Québec, where there is a wide choice of appropriate garments. In summer, i.e. from June to September, temperatures vary between 16°C and 30°C . Light clothing is in order. Rain gear is also a must. As a rule, Québec students dress casually.

Daycare

Québec has no universal daycare system. It is up to parents to find daycare services for their children. Most Québec universities provide daycare services on campus. However, given the limited number of places, it is recommended that parents reserve a place as soon as possible. Daycare is also available off campus. The government sets standards for but does not run daycare centres: rates and services may vary from one centre to another, but are generally \$7 per day per child.

Health and Hospital Insurance

Under an MICC regulation, all international students must prove that they have taken out private health and hospital insurance coverage with a Canadian insurance company for the duration of their stay in Québec for themselves and any dependents coming with them to Québec or that they have the necessary financial resources to do so. This requirement does not apply to students from countries that have an agreement with the Québec health insurance board, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec. Under such insurance plans, the premium for one person is approximately C\$744 per year. The premium for students accompanied by a spouse and family members may range from C\$1 150 to C\$2 150 per year, depending on the insurance company and the number of people involved. Students should contact the international students office at their educational institution for information on companies that sell such health insurance plans, on premiums and on eligibility. Students will be required to provide proof of such insurance when registering at the beginning of each academic year.

Living Expenses

In addition to tuition fees and related fees, students must budget for the following expenses: travel costs, health and hospital insurance if applicable, settling-in expenses for the first year and living expenses for the length of their stay (see section 7.3).

Employment

International students who wish to study in Québec must promise that their studies will be their main activity. They must therefore prove that, without having to seek employment, they have sufficient funds to pay their tuition fees and cover their basic needs and those of any dependents for the entire duration of their stay.

In some cases, however, students may be authorized to work during their studies in order to earn additional income or acquire work experience. Section 8.3 discusses employment opportunities in Québec.

8.3 Employment Opportunities

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a number of programs that allow international students to work during or after their studies under certain conditions.

International students who wish to take advantage of these programs must first obtain a work permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, except if they are working on campus.

In addition to meeting the specific requirements of the different programs, international students must hold a valid study permit and be enrolled full-time in a participating educational institution.



Working on Campus

Under certain conditions, international students may hold a job at their educational institution without having to obtain a work permit, if they have a valid study permit and are enrolled in a program of study full-time.

For more information about working on campus, visit CIC's Web site at the following address: www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-oncampus.asp.

Off-Campus Work Permit Program

To be eligible for an off-campus work permit, international students must have completed, in the twelve months preceding their application, at least six months of full-time studies in a participating educational institution. They must also have been enrolled full-time and have obtained acceptable marks.

The work permit allows students to hold an off-campus job for a maximum of 20 hours a week while they are studying, and full-time during school holidays (e.g. Christmas, summer, spring break).

You can consult the list of participating institutions on the MICC's Web site at the following address: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/students/finding-out/working-studies/faq.html.

Co-op and Internship Programs

Some programs of study, such as co-op and internship programs, require on-the-job experience.

International students enrolled in these types of programs must first obtain a work permit. They may apply for the work permit at the same time as their study permit.

For further information about the program, visit CIC's Web site at the following address: cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-coop.asp.

Post-Graduation Work Permit Program

After completing a program of study in an educational institution in Québec, international students may, under certain conditions, obtain a post-graduation work permit for up to three years. The Post-Graduation Work Permit Program enables students to acquire work experience in Québec.

Authorization to work is granted only once during the student's stay in Québec. Applications must be sent to Citizenship and Immigration Canada within 90 days of receiving an official transcript from the educational institution or a letter from the educational institution confirming that they meet all the requirements for obtaining a diploma.

For more information about this program, visit CIC's Web site at the following address: www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad.asp.

Work Permit for Spouses

Spouses who accompany international students who hold a valid study permit are authorized to apply for a work permit for any job. The same applies to spouses who accompany international students who hold a valid post-graduation work permit.

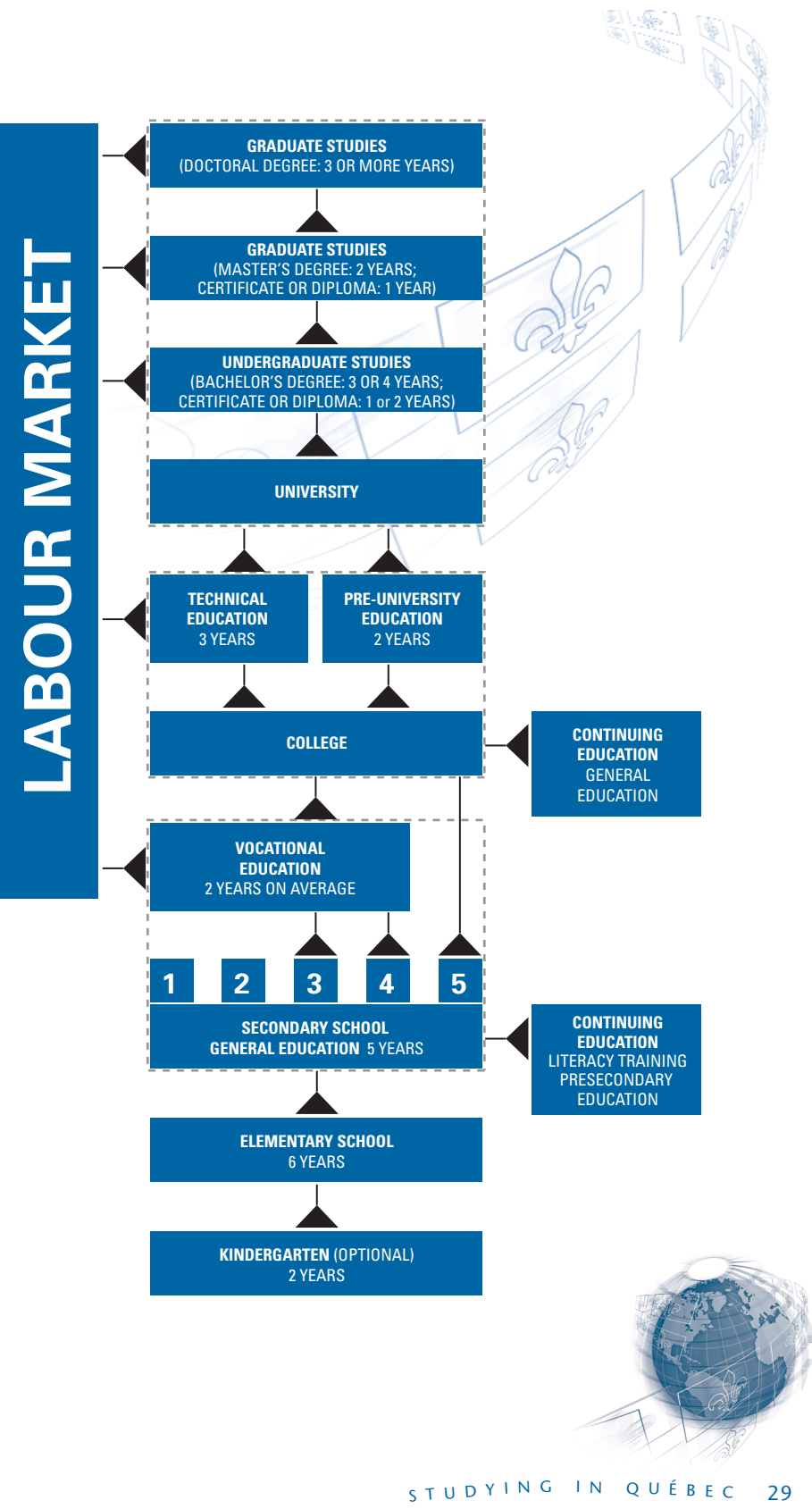
Applications may be sent to a Canadian visa office outside Canada before the student's arrival in Québec, or to Citizenship and Immigration Canada once they have arrived.

For more information about this program, visit CIC's Web site at the following address: www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-spouse.asp.



Appendix I

Québec's Education System

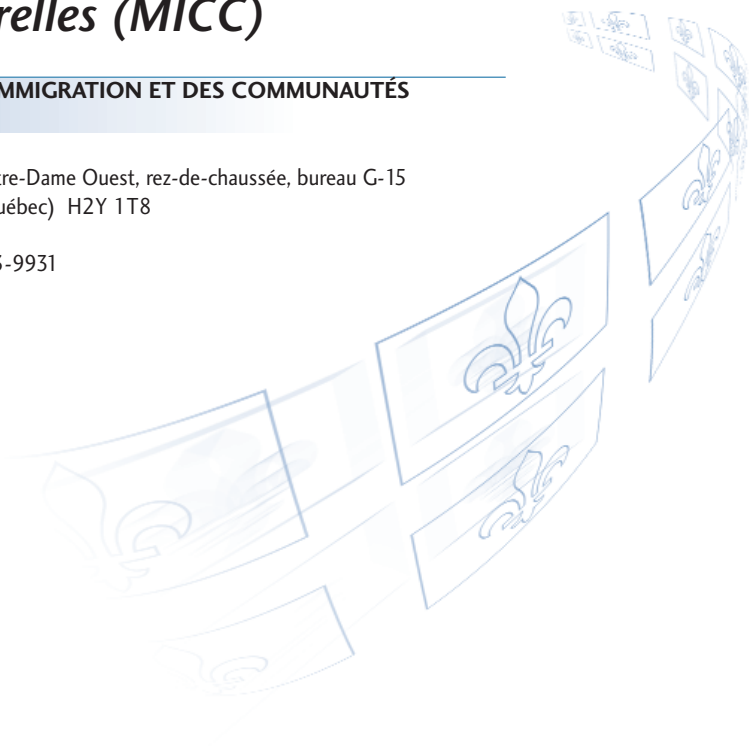


Appendix II

Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles (MICC)

**MINISTÈRE DE L'IMMIGRATION ET DES COMMUNAUTÉS
CULTURELLES**

285, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, rez-de-chaussée, bureau G-15
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1T8
CANADA
Fax : 514 873-9931



Appendix III

Public and Private Colleges

PUBLIC COLLEGES UNDER THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION, DU LOISIR ET DU SPORT

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	ADMISSION ¹	REGION ²
Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue 425, boulevard du Collège Rouyn-Noranda (Québec) J9X 5E5 www.cegepat.qc.ca	819 762-0931 819 762-2071	2	08
Cégep d'Ahuntsic 9155, rue Saint-Hubert Montréal (Québec) H2M 1Y8 www.collegeahuntsic.qc.ca	514 389-5921 514 389-5752	2	06
Cégep d'Alma 675, boulevard Auger Ouest Alma (Québec) G8B 2B7 www.calma.qc.ca	418 668-2387 418 668-6841	4	02
Cégep André-Laurendeau 1111, rue Lapierre Montréal (Québec) H8N 2J4 www.claurendeau.qc.ca	514 364-3320 514 364-7130	2	06
Cégep de Baie-Comeau 537, boulevard Blanche Baie-Comeau (Québec) G5C 2B2 www.cegep-baie-comeau.qc.ca	418 589-5707 418 589-9842	1	09
Cégep Beauce-Appalaches 1055, 116 ^e Rue Est Saint-Georges (Québec) G5Y 3G1 www.cegep-beauce-appalaches.qc.ca	418 228-8896 418 228-0562	3	12
Cégep de Bois-de-Boulogne 10555, avenue de Bois-de-Boulogne Montréal (Québec) H4N 1L4 www.bdeb.qc.ca	514 332-3000 514 332-8781	2	06
Champlain Regional College Lennoxville Campus C.P. 5003, Lennoxville J1M 2H1	819 564-3666 819 564-5171	1	05

1. The number given under this heading indicates where applications are to be sent:

- 1) Directly to the institution
- 2) Service régional d'admission du Montréal métropolitain (SRAM)
C. P. 11028, succursale Centre-ville
Montréal (Québec) H3C 4W9 Tel.: 514-271-2454
- 3) Service régional d'admission au collégial de Québec (SRACQ)
2336, chemin Sainte-Foy, bureau 2200
Québec (Québec) G1V 1F5 Tel.: 418-659-4873
- 4) Service régional d'admission des cégeps du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean (SRASL)
2110, rue Gilbert
Jonquière (Québec) G7S 4R8 Tel.: 418-548-7191

2. The number given under this heading refers to the administrative region in which the institution is located (see Appendix VI).

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Champlain Regional College Campus Saint-Lambert-Longueuil 900, Riverside Drive Saint-Lambert (Québec) J4P 3P2 www.champlaincollege.qc.ca/st-lambert/	450 672-7360 450 672-9299	1	16
Champlain Regional College Campus St. Lawrence 790, rue Nérée-Tremblay Québec (Québec) G1V 4K2 www.slc.qc.ca	418 656-6921 418 656-6925	1	03
Cégep de Chicoutimi 534, rue Jacques-Cartier Est Saguenay (Québec) G7H 1Z6 www.cegep-chicoutimi.qc.ca	418 549-9520 418 549-1315	4	02
Dawson College 3040, rue Sherbrooke Ouest Montréal (Québec) H3Z 1A4 www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca	514 931-8731 514 931-1602	1	06
Cégep de Drummondville 960, rue Saint-Georges Drummondville (Québec) J2C 6A2 www.cdrummond.qc.ca	819 478-4671 819 474-6859	2	17
Cégep Édouard-Montpetit 945, chemin de Chambly Longueuil (Québec) J4H 3M6 www.college-em.qc.ca	450 679-2630 450 679-4863	2	16
Cégep François-Xavier Garneau 1660, boulevard de l'Entente Québec (Québec) G1S 4S3 www.cegep-fxg.qc.ca	418 688-8310 418 681-9384	3	03
Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles 96, rue Jacques-Cartier Gaspé (Québec) G4X 2S8 www.cgaspesie.qc.ca	418 368-2201 418 368-7003	3	11
Cégep Gerald-Godin 15615, boulevard Gouin Ouest Montréal (Québec) H9H 5K8 www.cgodin.qc.ca	514 626-2666 514 626-6866	2	06
Cégep de Granby-Haute-Yamaska 235, rue Saint-Jacques Granby (Québec) J2G 3N1 www.cegepgranby.qc.ca	450 372-6614 450 372-6565	2	16
Héritage College 325, boulevard de la Cité-des-Jeunes Gatineau (Québec) J8Y 6T3 www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca	819 778-2270 819 778-7364	2	07

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INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	ADMISSION ¹	REGION ²
John Abbott college 21275, rue Lakeshore Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (Québec) H9X 3L9 www.johnabbott.qc.ca	514 457-6610 514 457-4730	2	06
Cégep de Jonquière 2505, rue Saint-Hubert Saguenay (Québec) G7X 7W2 www.cjonquiere.qc.ca	418 547-2191 418 547-3359	4	02
Cégep de La Pocatière 140, 4 ^e Avenue La Pocatière (Québec) G0R 1Z0 www.cglapocatiere.qc.ca	418 856-1525 418 856-4589	3	01
Cégep régional de Lanaudière à L'Assomption 180, rue Dorval L'Assomption (Québec) J5W 6C1 www.collanaud.qc.ca	450 470-0922 450 589-8926	2	14
Cégep régional de Lanaudière à Joliette 20, rue Saint-Charles Sud Joliette (Québec) J6E 4T1 www.collanaud.qc.ca	450 759-1661 450 759-7120	2	14
Cégep régional de Lanaudière à Terrebonne 2505, boulevard des Entreprises Terrebonne (Québec) J6X 5S5 www.collanaud.qc.ca	450 470-0933 450 477-6933	2	14
Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon 205, rue Monseigneur-Bourget Lévis (Québec) G6V 6Z9 www.clevislauzon.qc.ca	418 833-5110 418 833-7323	3	12
Cégep de Limoilou 1300, 8 ^e Avenue Québec (Québec) G1J 5L5 www.climoilou.qc.ca	418 647-6600 418 647-6798	3	03
Cégep Lionel Groulx 100, rue Duquet Sainte-Thérèse (Québec) J7E 3G6 www.clg.qc.ca	450 430-3120 450 971-7883	2	15
Cégep de Maisonneuve 3800, rue Sherbrooke Est Montréal (Québec) H1X 2A2 www.cmaisonneuve.qc.ca	514 254-7131 514 253-7637	2	06
Cégep Marie-Victorin 7000, rue Marie-Victorin Montréal (Québec) H1G 2J6 www.collegemv.qc.ca	514 325-0150 514 328-3830	2	06

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Cégep de Matane 616, avenue Saint-Rédempteur Matane (Québec) G4W 1L1 www.cgmatane.qc.ca	418 562-1240 418 566-2115	3	01
Cégep Montmorency 475, boulevard de l'Avenir Laval (Québec) H7N 5H9 www.cmontmorency.qc.ca	450 975-6100 450 975-6116	2	13
Cégep de l'Outaouais 333, boulevard de la Cité-des-Jeunes Gatineau (Québec) J8Y 6M4 www.cegepoutaouais.qc.ca	819 770-4012 819 770-8167	2	07
Cégep de Thetford 671, boulevard Frontenac Ouest Thetford Mines (Québec) G6G 1N1 www.cegepth.qc.ca	418 338-8591 418 338-3498	3	12
Cégep de Rimouski 60, rue de l'Évêché Ouest Rimouski (Québec) G5L 4H6 www.cegep-rimouski.qc.ca	418 723-1880 418 724-4961	1	01
Cégep de Rivière-du-Loup 80, rue Frontenac Rivière-du-Loup (Québec) G5R 1R1 www.cegep-rdl.qc.ca	418 862-6903 418 862-4959	3	01
Cégep de Rosemont 6400, 16 ^e Avenue Montréal (Québec) H1X 2S9 www.crosemont.qc.ca	514 376-1620 514 376-1440	2	06
Cégep de Saint-Félicien 1105, boulevard Hamel C. P. 7300 Saint-Félicien (Québec) G8K 2R8 www.cstfelicien.qc.ca	418 679-5412 418 679-8357	4	02
Cégep de Saint-Hyacinthe 3000, rue Boullé Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 1H9 www.cegepsth.qc.ca	450 773-6800 450 773-9971	2	16
Cégep Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu 30, boulevard du Séminaire Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Québec) J3B 7B1 www.cstjean.qc.ca	450 347-5301 450 358-9350	2	16
Cégep de Saint-Jérôme 455, rue Fournier Saint-Jérôme (Québec) J7Z 4V2 www.cstj.net	450 436-1580 450 436-1756	2	15

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INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	ADMISSION ¹	REGION ²
Cégep de Saint-Laurent 625, avenue Sainte-Croix Montréal (Québec) H4L 3X7 www.cegep-st-laurent.qc.ca	514 747-6521 514 748-1249	2	06
Cégep de Sainte-Foy 2410, chemin Sainte-Foy Québec (Québec) G1V 1T3 www.cegep-ste-foy.qc.ca	418 659-6600 418 659-4563	3	03
Cégep de Sept-Îles 175, rue De La Vérendrye Sept-Îles (Québec) G4R 5B7 www.cegep-sept-iles.qc.ca	418 962-9848 418 962-2458	1	09
Collège Shawinigan 2263, avenue du Collège C. P. 610 Shawinigan (Québec) G9N 6V8 www.collegeshawinigan.qc.ca	819 539-6401 819 539-8819	2	04
Cégep de Sherbrooke 475, rue du Cégep Sherbrooke (Québec) J1E 4K1 www.collegesherbroke.qc.ca	819 564-6350 819 564-1579	2	05
Cégep de Sorel-Tracy 3000, boulevard de Tracy Sorel-Tracy (Québec) J3R 5B9 www.cegep-sorel-tracy.qc.ca	450 742-6651 450 742-1878	2	16
Cégep de Trois-Rivières 3500, rue De Courval Trois-Rivières (Québec) G9A 5E6 www.cegeptr.qc.ca	819 376-1721 819 693-4663	2	04
Cégep de Valleyfield 169, rue Champlain Salaberry-de-Valleyfield (Québec) J6T 1X6 www.colval.qc.ca	450 373-9441 450 373-7719	2	16
Vanier College 821, avenue Sainte-Croix Montréal (Québec) H4L 3X9 www.vaniercollege.qc.ca	514 744-7500 514 744-7505	1	06
Cégep de Victoriaville 475, rue Notre-Dame Est Victoriaville (Québec) G6P 4B3 www.cgpvicto.qc.ca	819 758-6401 819 758-8960	2	17
Cégep du Vieux Montréal 255, rue Ontario Est Montréal (Québec) H2X 1X6 www.cvm.qc.ca	514 982-3437 514 982-3427	2	06



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Public and private colleges

SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE COLLEGES

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS ³	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ⁴
Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy 5000, rue Clément-Lockquell Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures (Québec) G3A 1B3	418 872-8041 418 872-3448	03
Collège André-Grasset 1001, boulevard Crémazie Est Montréal (Québec) H2M 1M3	514 381-4293 514 381-7421	06
Collège Bart (1975) 751, côte d'Abraham Québec (Québec) G1R 1A2	418 522-3906 418 522-5456	03
Centennial College 3641, avenue Prud'homme Montréal (Québec) H4A 3H6	514 486-5533 514 486-1401	06
Collège Ellis, campus de Drummondville 235, rue Moisan Drummondville (Québec) J2C 1W9	819 477-3113 819 477-4556	17
Collège international des Marcellines 815, avenue Upper-Belmont Westmount (Québec) H3Y 1K5	514 488-0031 514 488-5384	06
Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf 3200, chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine Montréal (Québec) H3T 1C1	514 342-1320 514 342-1846	06
Collège Lafleche 1687, boulevard du Carmel Trois-Rivières (Québec) G8Z 3R8	819 375-7346 819 375-7347	04
LaSalle College 2000, Côte-Sainte-Catherine Ouest Montréal (Québec) H3H 2T2	514 939-2006	06
Marianopolis College 4873, avenue Westmount Westmount (Québec) H3Y 1X9	514 931-8792 514 931-8790	06
Collège international Marie-de-France 4635, chemin Queen-Mary Montréal (Québec) H3W 1W3	514 737-1177 514 737-0789	06
Collège Mérici 755, Grande-Allée Ouest Québec (Québec) G1S 1C1	418 683-1591 418 682-8938	03
Mother House College 1185, rue Saint-Mathieu Montréal (Québec) H3H 2H6	514 935-2532 514 935-2778	06
Collège O'Sullivan de Montréal inc. 1191, rue de la Montagne Montréal (Québec) H3G 1Z2	514 866-4622 514 866-0668	06

SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE COLLEGES

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS ³	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ⁴
Collège O'Sullivan de Québec inc. 840, rue Saint-Jean Québec (Québec) G1R 1R3	418 529-3355 418 523-6288	03
Collège préuniversitaire Nouvelles Frontières 100, rue Gamelin Gatineau (Québec) J8Y 1V9	819 770-8925 819 776-1369	07
Collège Stanislas inc. 780, boulevard Dollard Montréal (Québec) H2V 3G5	514 273-9521 514 273-3409	06
Conservatoire Lassalle 1001, rue Sherbrooke Est Montréal (Québec) H2L 1L3	514 288-4140 514 288-5331	06
Collège Ellis, campus de Trois-Rivières 155, rue Latreille Trois-Rivières (Québec) G8T 3E8	819 691-2600 819 691-3407	04
École de musique Vincent-d'Indy 628, chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine Montréal (Québec) H2V 2C5	514 735-5261 514 735-5266	06
École de sténographie judiciaire du Québec 445, boulevard Saint-Laurent, bureau 215 Montréal (Québec) H2Y 2Y7	514 954-3459 514 954-3462	06
École nationale de cirque 8181, 2 ^e Avenue Montréal (Québec) H1Z 4N9	514 982-0859 514 982-6025	06
Institut Teccart (2003) inc. 3030, rue Hochelaga Montréal (Québec) H1W 1G2	514 526-2501 514 526-9192	06
Séminaire de Sherbrooke 195, rue Marquette Sherbrooke (Québec) J1H 1L6	819 563-2050 819 562-8261	05

3. All applications must be sent directly to the institution.

4. The number given under this heading refers to the administrative region in which the institution is located (see Appendix VI).



Appendix III

Public and private colleges

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS UNDER AN ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION, DU LOISIR ET DU SPORT

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	ADMISSION ⁵	REGION ⁶
Conservatoire de musique de Saguenay 202, rue Jacques-Cartier Est Saguenay (Québec) G7H 6R8	418 698-3505 418 698-3521	1	02
Conservatoire de musique de Gatineau 430, boulevard Alexandre-Taché Gatineau (Québec) J9A 1M7	819 772-3283 819 772-3346	1	07
Conservatoire de musique de Montréal 4750, avenue Henri-Julien Montréal (Québec) H2T 2C8	514 873-4031 514 873-4601	1	06
Conservatoire de musique de Québec 270, rue Saint-Amable Québec (Québec) G1R 5G1	418 643-2190 418 644-9658	1	03
Conservatoire de musique de Rimouski 100, rue de l'Évêché Ouest Rimouski (Québec) G5L 4H7	418 727-3706 418 727-3818	1	01
Conservatoire de musique de Trois-Rivières 587, rue Radisson Trois-Rivières (Québec) G9A 2C8	819 371-6748 819 371-6955	1	04
Conservatoire de musique de Val-d'Or 88, rue Allard Val-d'Or (Québec) J9P 2Y1	819 354-4585 819 354-4297	1	08
Institut de technologie agroalimentaire Campus de La Pocatière 401, rue Poiré La Pocatière (Québec) G0R 1Z0	418 856-1110 418 856-1719	3	01
Institut de technologie agroalimentaire Campus de Saint-Hyacinthe 3230, rue Sicotte Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 7B3	450 778-6504 450 778-6536	2	16
Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec 3535, rue Saint-Denis Montréal (Québec) H2X 3P1	514 282-5108	2	06
Macdonald College – McGill University Bureau des affaires étudiantes 21111, rue Lakeshore Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (Québec) H9X 3V9	514 398-7925 514 398-7968	1	06

5. The number given under this heading indicates where applications are to be sent:

- 1) Directly to the institution
- 2) Service régional d'admission du Montréal métropolitain (SRAM)
C. P. 11028, succursale Centre-ville
Montréal (Québec) H3C 4W9 Tel.: 514-271-2454
- 3) Service régional d'admission au collégial de Québec (SRACQ)
2336, chemin Sainte-Foy, bureau 2200
Québec (Québec) G1V 1F5 Tel.: 418-659-4873
- 4) Service régional d'admission des cégeps du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean (SRASL)
2110, rue Gilbert
Jonquière (Québec) G7S 4R8 Tel.: 418-548-7191

6. The number given under this heading refers to the administrative region in which the institution is located (see Appendix VI).

Appendix IV

Universities

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS ⁷	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ⁸
Université Laval Bureau du registraire Pavillon Jean-Charles-Bonenfant, bureau 2440 Québec (Québec) G1K 7P4 E-Mail: reg@reg.ulaval.ca	418 656-3080 418 656-5216	03
Université McGill Admissions, Recruitment and Registrar's Office James Administration Building 845, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, bureau 205 Montréal (Québec) H3A 2T5 E-Mail: admissions@mcgill.ca	514 398-3910 514 398-4193	06
Université Bishop's Bureau des admissions 2600, rue du Collège Sherbrooke (Québec) J1M 1Z7 E-Mail: webmanager@ubishops.ca	819 822-9600 819 822-9661	06
Université de Montréal Service de l'admission C. P. 6205, succursale Centre-ville Montréal (Québec) H3C 3T5 E-Mail: admissions@regis.umontreal.ca Web site: www.umontreal.ca	514 343-7076 514 343-5788	06
École Polytechnique de Montréal ⁹ Campus de l'Université de Montréal Bureau des dossiers étudiants 2500, chemin de Polytechnique Montréal (Québec) H3T 1J4 E-Mail: registraire@polymtl.ca	514 340-4711 514 340-5836	06
HEC Montréal ⁹ Bureau du registraire 3000, chemin de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine Montréal (Québec) H3T 2A7 E-Mail: registraire.info@hec.ca	514 340-6151 514 340-6411	06
Concordia University Bureau du registraire 1455, boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest Montréal (Québec) H3G 1M8 E-Mail: admreg@alcor.concordia.ca Web site: www.concordia.ca	514 848-2424 514 848-2621	06
Université de Sherbrooke Bureau du registraire 2500, boulevard de l'Université Sherbrooke (Québec) J1K 2R1 E-Mail: infoadm@usherbrooke.ca Web site: www.usherbrooke.ca	819 821-7000 819 821-7966	05
Université du Québec 475, rue du Parvis Québec (Québec) G1K 9H7 E-Mail: communications@uquebec.ca	418 657-3551 418 657-2132	03
Université du Québec à Montréal ¹⁰ Service de l'admission C. P. 8888, succursale Centre-ville Montréal (Québec) H3C 3P8 E-Mail: admission@uqam.ca Web site: www.regis.uqam.ca	514 987-3132 514 987-8932	06

Annexe IV

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INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS ⁷	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ⁸
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 445, boulevard de l'Université Rouyn-Noranda (Québec) J9X 5E4 E-Mail: registraire@uqat.ca Web site: www.uqat.quebec.ca	819 762-0971 819 797-4727	08
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 555, boulevard de l'Université Est Saguenay (Québec) G7H 2B1 E-Mail: bureau_registraire@uqac.ca Web site: www.uqac.quebec.ca	418 545-5011 poste 2139 418 545-5012	02
Université du Québec en Outaouais ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 283, boulevard Alexandre-Taché C. P. 1250, succursale Hull Gatineau (Québec) J8X 3X7 E-Mail: registraire@uqo.ca	819 773-1850 819 773-1835	07
Université du Québec à Rimouski ¹⁰ Campus de Rimouski 300, allée des Ursulines C. P. 3300, succursale A, Rimouski (Québec) G5L 3A1 E-Mail: uqar@uqar.qc.ca	418 723-1986 418 724-1525	01
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières ¹⁰ 3351, boulevard des Forges C. P. 500, Trois-Rivières (Québec) G9A 5H7 E-Mail: crmultipleservice@uqtr.ca	819 376-5011 819 376-5012	04
Institut national de la recherche scientifique ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 490, rue de la Couronne, 6e étage Québec (Québec) G1K 9A9 E-Mail: registriariat@adm.inrs.ca	418 654-2518 418 654-3858	03
École nationale d'administration publique ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 555, boulevard Charest Est Québec (Québec) G1K 9E5 E-Mail: martine.gallant@enap.ca Web site: www.enap.quebec.ca	418 641-3000 418 641-3060	03
École de technologie supérieure ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 1100, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, bureau A-00 Montréal (Québec) H3C 1K3 Courriel: admission@etsmtl.ca	514 396-8800 514 396-8831	06
Télé-université (TELUQ) ¹⁰ Bureau du registraire 455, rue du Parvis C. P. 4800, succursale Terminus Québec (Québec) G1K 9H5	418 657-2262 418 657-2094	03

7. All applications for admission must be sent directly to the institution.
8. The number given under this heading refers to the administrative region in which the institution is located (see Appendix VI).
9. This institution is affiliated with the Université de Montréal.
10. This institution is a branch of the Université du Québec.

Appendix V

College Technology Transfer Centres

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ^{II}
Centre collégial de transfert de technologie des pêches 167, Grande Allée Est C. P. 220 Grande-Rivière (Québec) G0C 1V0	418 385-2241 418 385-2888	11
Centre d'expérimentation et de développement en forêt boréale 537, boulevard Blanche Baie Comeau (Québec) G5C 2B2 E-Mail: cedfob@cedfob.qc.ca	418 295-2240 418 295-3458	09
Centre collégial de transfert technologique en optique-photonique 140, 4 ^e Avenue La Pocatière (Québec) G0R 1Z0 E-Mail: mlangois@cstpqc.com	418 856-4350 poste 154 418 856-3458	01
Centre collégial de transfert technologique en optique-photonique 1111, rue Lapierre Montréal (Québec) H8N 2J4	514 364-3320 poste 244 514 364-7130	06
Centre d'innovation en microélectronique du Québec 150, rue Duquet Sainte-Thérèse (Québec) J7E 5B3 E-Mail: info@cimeq.qc.ca	450 971-7820 450 340-5836	15
Centre de développement des composites du Québec 455, rue Fournier Saint-Jérôme (Québec) J7Z 4V2	450 436-1580 poste 420 450 436-3822	15
Centre de géomatique du Québec 534, rue Jacques-Cartier Est Saguenay (Québec) G7H 1Z6 E-Mail: cgq@cgq.qc.ca	418 698-5995 418 698-4108	02
Centre de production automatisée 3730, rue Panet Saguenay (Québec) G7X 0E5 E-Mail: info@solutioncpa.com	418 542-0307 418 542-6818	02
Centre de productique intégrée du Québec 720, rue Longpré Sherbrooke (Québec) J1G 4L3 E-Mail: info@productique.qc.ca	819 822-8998 819 823-9864	05
Agrinova 640, rue Côté Ouest Alma (Québec) G8B 7S8 E-Mail: info@agrinova.qc.ca	418 480-3300 418 480-3306	02
Centre de robotique et de vision industrielle 205, route Monseigneur-Bourget Lévis (Québec) G6V 6Z9 E-Mail: info@crvi.ca	418 833-1965 418 833-8726	12

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College Technology Transfer Centres

INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS ⁷	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ⁸
Centre de technologie minérale et de plasturgie inc. 671, boulevard Frontenac Ouest, porte 8 Thetford Mines (Québec) G6G 1N1 E-Mail: info@ctmp.ca	418 338-6410 418 338-9584	12
Centre de transfert de technologie de la mode 1400, rue du Fort, bureau 9000 Montréal (Québec) H3H 2T1 E-Mail: cttminfo@clasalle.com	514 939-4443 514 939-0762	06
Centre de transfert technologique en écologie industrielle 3000, boulevard de Tracy Sorel-Tracy (Québec) J3R 5B9	450 742-6651 poste 5301 450 730-0867	16
Centre d'enseignement et de recherche en foresterie de Sainte-Foy 2424, chemin Sainte-Foy Québec (Québec) G1V 1T2 E-Mail: info@cerfo.qc.ca	418 659-4225 418 659-4226	03
Centre d'études des procédés chimiques du Québec 6220, rue Sherbrooke Est Montréal (Québec) H1N 1C1 E-Mail: info@ceprocq.com	514 255-4444 514 251-3696	06
Centre intégrée de fonderie et de métallurgie 3247, rue Foucher Trois-Rivières (Québec) G8Z 1M6	819 376-8707 819 376-0229	04
Centre national en électrochimie et en technologies environnementales 2263, avenue du Collège Shawinigan (Québec) G9N 6V8	819 539-8508 819 539-8880	04
Centre spécialisé de technologie physique du Québec 140, 4 ^e Avenue La Pocatière (Québec) G0R 1Z0	418 856-4350 418 856-3458	01
Centre spécialisé en pâtes et papiers 2250, rue Saint-Olivier C. P. 97 Trois-Rivières (Québec) G9A 5E6	819 372-0202 819 372-9938	04
Centre technologique des résidus industriels 425, boulevard du Collège Rouyn-Noranda (Québec) J9X 5E5	819 762-0931 819 762-2071	08
Centre technologique en aérospatiale 5555, place de la Savane Longueuil (Québec) J3Y 8Y9	450 678-2001 450 678-1702	16
Cintech agroalimentaire 3224, rue Sicotte Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 2M2	450 771-4393 450 771-0832	16
EQMBO-Entreprises 765, rue Notre-Dame Est C. P. 98 Victoriaville (Québec) G6P 6S4 E-Mail: eqmbo.entreprises@cgpvicto.qc.ca	819 758-8219 819 758-5486	17

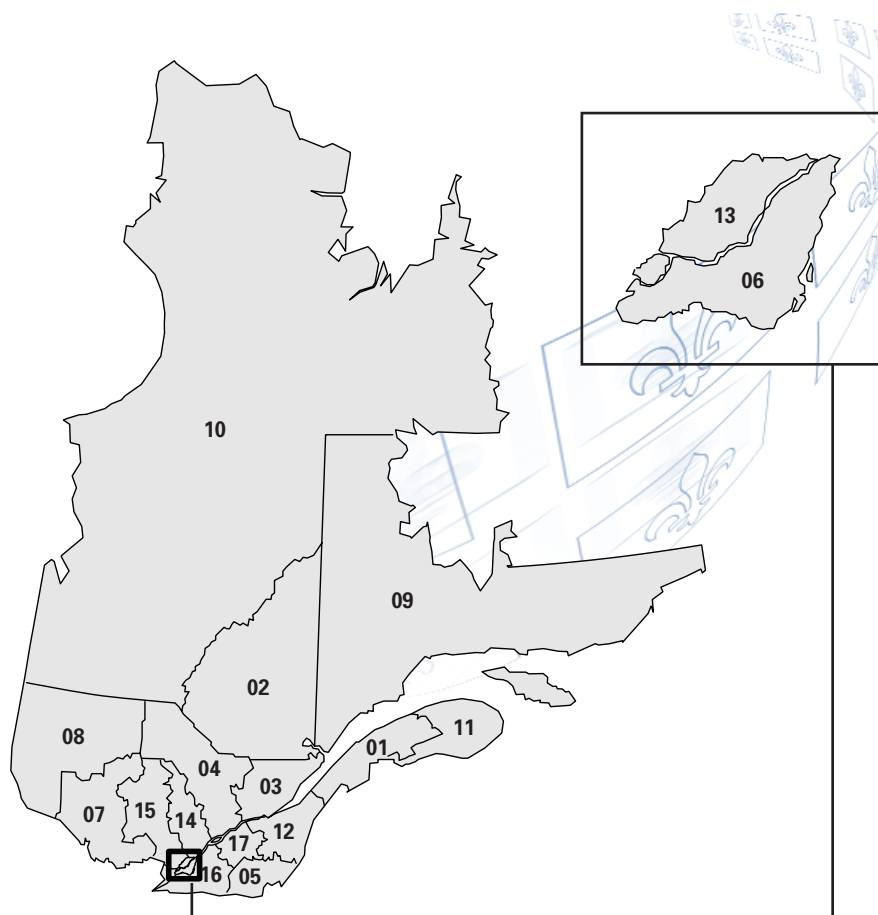
INSTITUTION AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FAX	REGION ¹¹
Groupe CTT 3000, rue Boullé Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 1H9 E-Mail: info@gcttg.com	450 778-1870 450 288-8378	16
Innovation maritime 53, rue Saint-Germain Ouest Rimouski (Québec) G5L 4B4 E-Mail: imar@imar.ca	418 725-3525 poste 300 418 725-3554	01
Institut des communications graphiques du Québec 999, avenue Émile-Journault Est Montréal (Québec) H2M 2E2 E-Mail: information@icgq.qc.ca	514 389-5061 514 389-6007	06
Institut du transport avancé du Québec 455, rue Fournier Saint-Jérôme (Québec) J7Z 4V2	450 436-1580 poste 430 450 436-3822	15
Musilab 960, rue Saint-Georges, bureau 1104 Drummondville (Québec) J2C 6A2	819 478-4671 poste 256 819 474-6859	17
OLEOTEK 2885, boulevard Frontenac Est Thetford Mines (Québec) G6G 6P6 E-Mail: info@oleotek.org	418 338-1318 418 338-1338	12
TransBIOTech 201, route Monseigneur-Bourget Lévis (Québec) G6V 9V6 E-Mail: info@tbt.ca	418 833-8876 418 833-8867	12
Service d'innovation et de transfert technologique pour l'entreprise 11700, 25 ^e Avenue Est Saint-Georges (Québec) G5Y 8B8 E-Mail: info@sitte.qc.ca	418 228-1993 poste 6103 418 228-9865	12

11. The number given under this heading refers to the administrative region in which the institution is located (see Appendix VI).



Appendix VI

Map of Québec's Administrative Regions



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| 01 | Bas-Saint-Laurent | 10 | Nord-du-Québec |
| 02 | Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean | 11 | Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine |
| 03 | Capitale-Nationale | 12 | Chaudière-Appalaches |
| 04 | Mauricie | 13 | Laval |
| 05 | Estrie | 14 | Lanaudière |
| 06 | Montréal | 15 | Laurentides |
| 07 | Outaouais | 16 | Montréal |
| 08 | Abitibi-Témiscamingue | 17 | Centre-du-Québec |
| 09 | Côte-Nord | | |



Appendix VII

Glossary

ADULT

A person no longer required by law to attend an educational institution.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Undergraduate degree.

General

Bachelor's degree consisting of three minors or of three minors and a major.

Major

Main field of study in a university program, accounts for 60 credits. Leads to a degree.

Minor

Secondary field of study in a university program, accounts for 30 credits. Leads to a certificate.

Honours

Program in which most courses are concentrated in the same area or field of study or in related areas or fields of study.

CREDIT

A unit corresponding to a set number of hours of learning activities entailed in attaining the objectives of a course.

DCS

Diploma of College Studies

Pre-university DCS

Two-year program that prepares students for university.

Technical DCS

Three-year program that prepares students for the labour market.

PREREQUISITE

A course required in order to take another course in a program.

PROGRAM

A coherent set of courses or pedagogical activities recognized by a college or university and leading to the attainment of a diploma of college studies, a certificate, a diploma, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree or a doctoral degree.

RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENT STUDIES

The recognition that education completed outside Québec is of equivalent value to education completed within the Québec school system. The comparative evaluation of two courses of study is designed to validate previous education and to thereby determine whether diplomas should be recognized when a student applies for admission to an educational institution.





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