The Québec Supplement for Handicapped Children

The Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children is a financial assistance measure paid to the parents of a child whose health condition requires complex medical care at home or who has severe and persistent disabilities preventing them from carrying out the life habits of a child of their age for at least 1 year. If eligible, the family will receive a non-taxable amount of \$195 per month for each child living with a disability - regardless of the impairment or income levels of the family. More information can be found here.

The Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children (\$195 per month for each child that is eligible) is different than the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs - which provides \$978 per month for each child that is eligible. It is important to note that you can apply for both supplements to receive a monthly total of \$1173. However, to be eligible for the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs, you must first qualify for the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children. If you have shared custody of your child, each parent will receive half of the supplements for the child living with a disability.

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Application Process

Confirm Your Eligibility

You are entitled to the supplement for handicapped children if:

- You are eligible for the Child Assistance Program;
- You have a dependent child under 18 who has a disability (physical or cognitive) that significantly limits them and is expected to last for at least one year.

Confirm Your Child's Eligibility

There are the specific eligibility and document requirements for each type of disability. To determine the information necessary for your child's disability please check this <u>link</u>.

If your child's condition does not meet the criteria, their eligibility is determined on the basis of the severity of their limitations with regard to accomplishing life habits for a period expected to last for at least one year. The analysis of the child's limitations takes into account the disabilities resulting from the impairment or the mental function disability, as well as factors in the child's environment that facilitate or inhibit their ability to accomplish life habits. It is important note that you should prepare and include any additional documentation that describes the impact that your child's functioning has on their ability to live their daily lives and on your family - especially life habits such as eating, getting around, communicating, maintaining relationships, learning, and carrying out responsibilities in an age appropriate manner

Complete the Application Forms

There are two parts to the application for the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children (1) for parents and (2) for professionals. It is important to note that the parent is responsible for ensuring all of the Professional's Part has been filled out, all documents are enclosed, and that it is sent to Retraite Québec.

Applying Part 1 - The Parent's Part

The parent form includes basic questions about your household, your child's physician(s), and includes an Educational Achievement Report, which must be filled out by your child's Daycare Educator or Teacher. You must also provide the documents outlining your child's impairment, as discussed above in eligibility. The link to the breakdown of documents needed based on your child's disability can be found here. The link to the full application can be found here.

Applying Part 2 - The Professional's Part

The professional's form must be completed by the professional (physician, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, etc.) who has assessed or treated your child and is most familiar with the child's condition. It concerns their diagnosis (or diagnoses), treatments, and your child's general health information. Link to the full application can be found here.

Approval

If approved, you will receive a letter in the mail around 120 days after you submit your application.

Rejected

If rejected, you will receive a letter within 120 days after you submit your application outlining the reasons for the rejection. You can appeal the decision by submitting the <u>Application for Review.</u>

Receive Funding

Once approved, the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children will be added to the rest of your Child Assistance Quarterly Payments. There will also be a note automatically added to your file with Revenue Quebec that you are a parent of a child with a disability so you will not also have to prove as such when applying