The Québec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs

The Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs is a financial assistance paid for a child who has prolonged physical impairments or a mental function that can be described as a severe and persistent disability(ies) which prevent them from carrying out, without assistance, daily activities similar to those expected for a child the same age. It is for parents who take on exceptional responsibilities provide special care or ensure a continual presence at the child's side. It provides parents with an additional non-taxable \$978 per month for each child who qualifies.

The Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs (\$978 per month for each child that is eligible) is different than the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children (\$195). 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. Another important note is that you are able to apply to be back paid for the 11 months prior to your applying for the supplement as well.

More information on the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs can be found <u>here</u>.



Confirm Your Child's Eligibility

There are two situations in which you child can be eligible for the Quebec Supplement for Handicapped Children with Exceptional Care Needs:

Situation A: An eligible child is a child with severe and multiple disabilities that prevent the child from carrying out his or her life habits. Life habits include: nutrition, personal care, moving about, communication, interpersonal relationships, responsibilities, and education.

Situation B: A child whose state of health requires complex medical care at home. Complex medical care at home includes complex respiratory care, complex nutritional care, complex cardiac care, and complex kidney care.

In the case of physical impairments, the child is eligible as of age 2. In the case of a mental function disability, the child is eligible as of age 4. For a full breakdown of eligibility, please consult <u>this guide</u>.

Applying For the Supplement

To apply for the supplement, complete the <u>Application for the supplement for Handicapped Children with</u> <u>Exceptional Care Needs</u> and send it to Retraite Quebec. It must also be accompanied by the following two forms: <u>Consent Regarding the Release of Medical, Psychosocial and Education Related Information</u> and the <u>Functional-Independence Report (School or Daycare)</u>.

Approval

If approved, you will receive a letter in the mail 120 days after your application informing you your application has been approved.

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

The amount of the supplement for handicapped children with exceptional care needs is the same for everybody, regardless of the child's condition and your family income. It is \$962 a month for each child who meets the criteria. Added to the \$192 Quebec Supplement for handicapped children, the total monthly amount payable is \$1154. Both supplements are included in the payments for Quebec's Child Assistance Payment. There is no need to re-apply every year, it will be provided until the child turns 18 years old.