

# Helping you get a good start in your new job

You just got a job and you need to buy new tools, office material or clothing. If you are eligible for the Return to Work Supplement, you could receive \$500 to help cover expenses related to your return to work.

## Employment requirements

To qualify under the supplement program, your job must meet the following conditions:

- It must provide an income equivalent to at least 30 hours per week at the minimum wage rate;
- It must be insurable within the meaning of the Employment Insurance Act, that is, for which you pay Employment Insurance premiums.

## You are eligible if

- you receive Employment Insurance benefits;
- you receive benefits under a last resort financial assistance program;
- you received Employment Insurance benefits at some time during the past 48 months or were eligible to receive them during the past 36 months;
- you took paid parental leave under the Employment Insurance Plan or the Québec Parental Insurance Plan at some time during the past five years that was granted in accordance with the conditions applying to the Employment Insurance Plan;
- you participate in the Youth Alternative (Alternative jeunesse) program;
- you are a beneficiary of the Income Support Program for Workers Affected by Collective Dismissals or the Income Support Program for Older Workers.

To be eligible, you must, in the past 12 months:

- have had no work;

OR

- have had little work, earning a gross income inferior to 427 hours times the effective hourly minimum wage.

To find the local  
employment centre nearest you,  
visit [emploiquebec.net](http://emploiquebec.net)  
or call 1 888 643-4721.

## **You are not eligible for the Return to Work Supplement if**

- you are a full-time student;
- you receive an income-replacement benefit from another Québec government organization, such as the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST) or the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) (certain exceptions apply);
- you are already participating in an employment-assistance measure or program, with the exception of the Employment Services measure offered by Emploi-Québec;
- you received the Return to Work Supplement within the past 12 months;
- your job is wholly or partially funded by government employment-assistance measures or programs.

## **If you are eligible for the Return to Work Supplement:**

Contact the local employment centre (CLE) in your region as soon as you get your new job.

You will have to fill out a form and provide proof of employment. Don't delay!

**You must submit your application within 45 calendar days of the start date of your new job.**

## **For more information**

Log on to [emploiquebec.net](http://emploiquebec.net) or go to the CLE in your region.

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