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PART I DEFINITIONS

Definitions

1 (1) In this Act,

“agent” includes a trade union that represents an employee in collective bargaining; (“mandataire”)

“alternative vacation entitlement year” means, with respect to an employee, a recurring 12-month period that begins on a date chosen by the employer, other than the first day of the employee’s employment; (“année de référence différente”)

“arbitrator” includes,

(a) a board of arbitration, and

(b) the Board, when it is acting under section 133 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*; (“arbitre”)

“assignment employee” means an employee employed by a temporary help agency for the purpose of being assigned to perform work on a temporary basis for clients of the agency; (“employé ponctuel”)

“benefit plan” means a benefit plan provided for an employee by or through his or her employer; (“régime d’avantages sociaux”)

“Board” means the Ontario Labour Relations Board; (“Commission”)

“building services” means services for a building with respect to food, security and cleaning and any prescribed services for a building; (“services de gestion d’immeubles”)

“building services provider” or “provider” means a person who provides building services for a premises and includes the owner or manager of a premises if the owner or manager provides building services for premises the person owns or manages; (“fournisseur de services de gestion d’immeubles”, “fournisseur”)

“business” includes an activity, trade or undertaking; (“entreprise”)

“business consultant” means an individual who provides advice or services to a business or organization in respect of its performance, including advice or services in respect of the operations, profitability, management, structure, processes, finances, accounting, procurements, human resources, environmental impacts, marketing, risk management, compliance or strategy of the business or organization; (“conseiller commercial”)

“client”, in relation to a temporary help agency, means a person or entity that enters into an arrangement with the agency under which the agency agrees to assign or attempt to assign one or more of its assignment employees to perform work for the person or entity on a temporary basis; (“client”)

“collector” means a person, other than an employment standards officer, who is authorized by the Director to collect an amount owing under this Act; (“agent de recouvrement”)

“continuous operation” means an operation or that part of an operation that normally continues 24 hours a day without cessation in each seven-day period until it is concluded for that period; (“exploitation à fonctionnement ininterrompu”)

“Director” means the Director of Employment Standards; (“directeur”)

“domestic or sexual violence leave pay” means pay for any paid days of leave taken under section 49.7; (“indemnité de congé en cas de violence familiale ou sexuelle”)

“employee” includes,

- (a) a person, including an officer of a corporation, who performs work for an employer for wages,
- (b) a person who supplies services to an employer for wages,
- (c) a person who receives training from a person who is an employer, if the skill in which the person is being trained is a skill used by the employer’s employees, or
- (d) a person who is a homeworker,

and includes a person who was an employee; (“employé”)

“employer” includes,

- (a) an owner, proprietor, manager, superintendent, overseer, receiver or trustee of an activity, business, work, trade, occupation, profession, project or undertaking who has control or direction of, or is directly or indirectly responsible

for, the employment of a person in it, and

(b) any persons treated as one employer under section 4, and includes a person who was an employer; (“employeur”)

“employment contract” includes a collective agreement; (“contrat de travail”)

“employment standard” means a requirement or prohibition under this Act that applies to an employer for the benefit of an employee; (“norme d’emploi”)

“establishment”, with respect to an employer, means a location at which the employer carries on business but, if the employer carries on business at more than one location, separate locations constitute one establishment if,

(a) the separate locations are located within the same municipality, or

(b) one or more employees at a location have seniority rights that extend to the other location under a written employment contract whereby the employee or employees may displace another employee of the same employer; (“établissement”)

“foreign national” has the same meaning as in the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009*; (“étranger”)

“homeworker” means an individual who performs work for compensation in premises occupied by the individual primarily as residential quarters but does not include an independent contractor; (“travailleur à domicile”)

“hospital” means a hospital as defined in the *Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act*; (“hôpital”)

“infectious disease emergency leave pay” means pay for any paid days of leave taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2); (“indemnité de congé spécial en raison d’une maladie infectieuse”)

“information technology consultant” means an individual who provides advice or services to a business or organization in respect of its information technology systems, including advice about or services in respect of planning, designing, analyzing, documenting, configuring, developing, testing and installing the business’s or organization’s information technology systems; (“conseiller en technologie de l’information”)

“labour relations officer” means a labour relations officer appointed under the

Labour Relations Act, 1995; (“agent des relations de travail”)

“licence” means a licence issued under Part XVIII.1; (“permis”)

“Minister” means the Minister of Labour; (“ministre”)

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Labour; (“ministère”)

“overtime hour”, with respect to an employee, means,

(a) if one or more provisions in the employee’s employment contract or in another Act that applies to the employee’s employment provides a greater benefit for overtime than Part VIII (Overtime Pay), an hour of work in excess of the overtime threshold set out in that provision, and

(b) otherwise, an hour of work in excess of the overtime threshold under this Act that applies to the employee’s employment; (“heure supplémentaire”)

“person” includes a trade union; (“personne”)

“premium pay” means an employee’s entitlement for working on a public holiday as described in subsection 24 (2); (“salaire majoré”)

“prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations; (“prescrit”)

“public holiday” means any of the following:

1. New Year’s Day.
- 1.1 Family Day, being the third Monday in February.
2. Good Friday.
3. Victoria Day.
4. Canada Day.
5. Labour Day.
6. Thanksgiving Day.
7. Christmas Day.
8. December 26.
9. Any day prescribed as a public holiday; (“jour férié”)

“public holiday pay” means an employee’s entitlement with respect to a public holiday as determined under subsection 24 (1); (“salaire pour jour férié”)

“recruiter” has the meaning set out in the regulations; (“recruteur”)

“regular rate” means, subject to any regulation made under paragraph 10 of subsection 141 (1),

(a) for an employee who is paid by the hour, the amount earned for an hour of work in the employee’s usual work week, not counting overtime hours,

(b) otherwise, the amount earned in a given work week divided by the number of non-overtime hours actually worked in that week; (“taux horaire normal”)

“regular wages” means wages other than overtime pay, public holiday pay, premium pay, vacation pay, domestic or sexual violence leave pay, infectious disease emergency leave pay, termination pay, severance pay and termination of assignment pay and entitlements under a provision of an employee’s contract of employment that under subsection 5 (2) prevail over Part VIII, Part X, Part XI, section 49.7, subsection 50.1 (1.2), Part XV or section 74.10.1; (“salaire normal”)

“regular work day”, with respect to an employee who usually works the same number of hours each day, means a day of that many hours; (“journée normale de travail”)

“regular work week”, with respect to an employee who usually works the same number of hours each week, means a week of that many hours but not including overtime hours; (“semaine normale de travail”)

“regulations” means the regulations made under this Act; (“règlements”)

“reservist” means a member of the reserve force of the Canadian Forces referred to in subsection 15 (3) of the *National Defence Act* (Canada); (“réserviste”)

“standard vacation entitlement year” means, with respect to an employee, a recurring 12-month period that begins on the first day of the employee’s employment; (“année de référence normale”)

“statutory notice period” means,

(a) the period of notice of termination required to be given by an employer under Part XV, or

(b) where the employer provides a greater amount of notice than is required under Part XV, that part of the notice period ending with the termination date specified in the notice which equals the period of notice required under Part XV;

("délai de préavis prévu par la loi")

"stub period" means, with respect to an employee for whom the employer establishes an alternative vacation entitlement year,

(a) if the employee's first alternative vacation entitlement year begins before the completion of his or her first 12 months of employment, the period that begins on the first day of employment and ends on the day before the start of the alternative vacation entitlement year,

(b) if the employee's first alternative vacation entitlement year begins after the completion of his or her first 12 months of employment, the period that begins on the day after the day on which his or her most recent standard vacation entitlement year ended and ends on the day before the start of the alternative vacation entitlement year; ("période tampon")

"temporary help agency" means an employer that employs persons for the purpose of assigning them to perform work on a temporary basis for clients of the employer; ("agence de placement temporaire")

"termination of assignment pay" means pay provided to an assignment employee when the employee's assignment is terminated before the end of its estimated term under section 74.10.1; ("indemnité de fin d'affectation")

"tip or other gratuity" means,

(a) a payment voluntarily made to or left for an employee by a customer of the employee's employer in such circumstances that a reasonable person would be likely to infer that the customer intended or assumed that the payment would be kept by the employee or shared by the employee with other employees,

(b) a payment voluntarily made to an employer by a customer in such circumstances that a reasonable person would be likely to infer that the customer intended or assumed that the payment would be redistributed to an employee or employees,

(c) a payment of a service charge or similar charge imposed by an employer on a customer in such circumstances that a reasonable person would be likely to infer that the customer intended or assumed that the payment would be redistributed to an employee or employees, and

(d) such other payments as may be prescribed,

but does not include,

- (e) such payments as may be prescribed, and
- (f) such charges as may be prescribed relating to the method of payment used, or a prescribed portion of those charges; (“pourboire ou autre gratification”)

“trade union” means an organization that represents employees in collective bargaining under any of the following:

1. The *Labour Relations Act, 1995*.
2. The *Crown Employees Collective Bargaining Act, 1993*.
3. The *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014*.
4. Part IX of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.
5. The *Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, 2008*.
6. Any prescribed Acts or provisions of Acts; (“syndicat”)

“vacation entitlement year” means an alternative vacation entitlement year or a standard vacation entitlement year; (“année de référence”)

“wages” means,

- (a) monetary remuneration payable by an employer to an employee under the terms of an employment contract, oral or written, express or implied,
- (b) any payment required to be made by an employer to an employee under this Act, and
- (c) any allowances for room or board under an employment contract or prescribed allowances,

but does not include,

- (d) tips or other gratuities,
- (e) any sums paid as gifts or bonuses that are dependent on the discretion of the employer and that are not related to hours, production or efficiency,
- (f) expenses and travelling allowances, or
- (g) subject to subsections 60 (3) or 62 (2), employer contributions to a benefit plan and payments to which an employee is entitled from a benefit plan; (“salaire”)

“work week” means,

- (a) a recurring period of seven consecutive days selected by the employer for the purpose of scheduling work, or
- (b) if the employer has not selected such a period, a recurring period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine de travail”) 2000, c. 41, s. 1 (1); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (1, 2); 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 1; 2008, c. 15, s. 85; 2014, c. 5, s. 48; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 1 (1-10); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 1; 2021, c. 9, s. 1; 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 1; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 1; 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 1.

Assignment to perform work includes training

(2) For greater certainty, being assigned to perform work for a client of a temporary help agency includes being assigned to the client to receive training for the purpose of performing work for the client. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 1 (11).

Training includes trial periods

(2.1) For the purposes of clause (c) of the definition of “employee” in subsection (1), training includes work performed during a trial period. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 1.

Agreements in writing

(3) Unless otherwise provided, a reference in this Act to an agreement between an employer and an employee or to an employer and an employee agreeing to something shall be deemed to be a reference to an agreement in writing or to their agreeing in writing to do something. 2000, c. 41, s. 1 (3).

Electronic form

(3.1) The requirement in subsection (3) for an agreement to be in writing is satisfied if the agreement is in electronic form. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 1 (12).

Exception

(4) Nothing in subsection (3) requires an employment contract that is not a collective agreement to be in writing. 2000, c. 41, s. 1 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART II

INFORMATION CONCERNING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Director to prepare poster

2 (1) The Director shall prepare and publish a poster providing such information about this Act and the regulations as the Director considers appropriate. 2004, c. 21, s. 1; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (1).

If poster not up to date

(2) If the Director believes that the poster prepared under subsection (1) has become out of date, he or she shall prepare and publish a new poster. 2004, c. 21, s. 1; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (1).

(3), (4) REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (2).

Copy of poster to be provided

(5) Every employer shall provide each of his or her employees with a copy of the most recent poster published by the Director under this section. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (1).

Same – translation

(6) If an employee requests a translation of the poster into a language other than English, the employer shall make enquiries as to whether the Director has prepared a translation of the poster into that language, and if the Director has done so, the employer shall provide the employee with a copy of the translation. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (1).

When copy of poster to be provided

(7) An employer shall provide an employee with a copy of the poster within 30 days of the day the employee becomes an employee of the employer. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2).

Transition

(8) The most recent poster prepared and published by the Minister under subsection (1) as it read immediately before the day the *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*,

2019 received Royal Assent is deemed to have been prepared and published by the Director. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (3).

Same

(9) Any translation prepared by the Minister under subsection (6), as it read immediately before the day the *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2019* received Royal Assent, is deemed to have been prepared by the Director. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 2 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART III HOW THIS ACT APPLIES

To whom Act applies

3 (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (5), the employment standards set out in this Act apply with respect to an employee and his or her employer if,

- (a) the employee's work is to be performed in Ontario; or
- (b) the employee's work is to be performed in Ontario and outside Ontario but the work performed outside Ontario is a continuation of work performed in Ontario. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (1).

Exception, federal jurisdiction

(2) This Act does not apply with respect to an employee and his or her employer if their employment relationship is within the legislative jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (2).

Exception, diplomatic personnel

(3) This Act does not apply with respect to an employee of an embassy or consulate of a foreign nation and his or her employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (3).

(4) REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 2 (1).

Other exceptions

(5) This Act does not apply with respect to the following individuals and any person for

whom such an individual performs work or from whom such an individual receives compensation:

1. A secondary school student who performs work under a work experience program authorized by the school board that operates the school in which the student is enrolled.
2. An individual who performs work under a program approved by a college of applied arts and technology or a university.
- 2.1 An individual who performs work under a program that is approved by a career college registered under the *Ontario Career Colleges Act, 2005* and that meets such criteria as may be prescribed.
3. A participant in community participation under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*.
4. An individual who is an inmate of a correctional institution within the meaning of the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act*, is an inmate of a penitentiary or is being held in a place of temporary detention or youth custody facility under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada), if the individual participates inside or outside the institution, penitentiary or place in a work project or rehabilitation program.

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, paragraph 4 of subsection 3 (5) of the Act is amended by striking out "*Ministry of Correctional Services Act*" and substituting "*Correctional Services and Reintegration Act, 2018*". (See: 2018, c. 6, Sched. 3, s. 8)

5. An individual who performs work under an order or sentence of a court or as part of an extrajudicial measure under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada).
6. An individual who performs work in a simulated job or working environment if the primary purpose in placing the individual in the job or environment is his or her rehabilitation.

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, paragraph 6 of subsection 3 (5) of the Act is repealed. (See: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 2)

7. A holder of political, religious or judicial office.
8. A member of a quasi-judicial tribunal.
9. A holder of elected office in an organization, including a trade union.

10. A police officer, except as provided in Part XVI (Lie Detectors) or in a regulation made under clause 141 (2.1) (c).

11. A director of a corporation, except as provided in Part XX (Liability of Directors), Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions), Part XXVII (Regulations) and Part XXVIII (Transition, Amendment, Repeals, Commencement and Short Title).

11.1 If the requirements of subsection (7) are met, a business consultant or an information technology consultant.

12. Any prescribed individuals. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (5); 2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 7; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 2 (2); 2019, c. 1, Sched. 4, s. 17 (1); 2020, c. 3, s. 1; 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1); 2023, c. 9, Sched. 29, s. 11.

Dual roles

(6) Where an individual who performs work or occupies a position described in subsection (5) also performs some other work or occupies some other position and does so as an employee, nothing in subsection (5) precludes the application of this Act to that individual and his or her employer insofar as that other work or position is concerned. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (6).

Business and IT consultants

(7) For the purposes of paragraph 11.1 of subsection (5), the following are the requirements that must be met:

1. The business consultant or information technology consultant provides services through,
 - i. a corporation of which the consultant is either a director or a shareholder who is a party to a unanimous shareholder agreement, or
 - ii. a sole proprietorship of which the consultant is the sole proprietor, if the services are provided under a business name of the sole proprietorship that is registered under the *Business Names Act*.
2. There is an agreement for the consultant's services that sets out when the consultant will be paid and the amount the consultant will be paid, which must be

equal to or greater than \$60 per hour, excluding bonuses, commissions, expenses, travelling allowances and benefits, or such other amount as may be prescribed, and must be expressed as an hourly rate.

3. The consultant is paid the amount set out in the agreement as required by paragraph 2.

4. Such other requirements as may be prescribed. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 2 (2).

Rules re calculation of rate

(8) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection (7), such other rules as may be prescribed apply with respect to the calculation of a consultant's hourly rate or other compensation. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 2 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Crown bound

3.1 This Act binds the Crown. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Separate persons treated as one employer

4 (1) Subsection (2) applies if associated or related activities or businesses are or were carried on by or through an employer and one or more other persons. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 4 (1).

Same

(2) The employer and the other person or persons described in subsection (1) shall all be treated as one employer for the purposes of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 4 (2).

Businesses need not be carried on at same time

(3) Subsection (2) applies even if the activities or businesses are not carried on at the same time. 2000, c. 41, s. 4 (3).

Exception, individuals

(4) Subsection (2) does not apply with respect to a corporation and an individual who is

a shareholder of the corporation unless the individual is a member of a partnership and the shares are held for the purposes of the partnership. 2000, c. 41, s. 4 (4).

Exception, Crown

(4.1) Subsection (2) does not apply to the Crown, a Crown agency or an authority, board, commission or corporation all of whose members are appointed by the Crown. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 4 (2).

Joint and several liability

(5) Persons who are treated as one employer under this section are jointly and severally liable for any contravention of this Act and the regulations under it and for any wages owing to an employee of any of them. 2000, c. 41, s. 4 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

No contracting out

5 (1) Subject to subsection (2), no employer or agent of an employer and no employee or agent of an employee shall contract out of or waive an employment standard and any such contracting out or waiver is void. 2000, c. 41, s. 5 (1).

Greater contractual or statutory right

(2) If one or more provisions in an employment contract or in another Act that directly relate to the same subject matter as an employment standard provide a greater benefit to an employee than the employment standard, the provision or provisions in the contract or Act apply and the employment standard does not apply. 2000, c. 41, s. 5 (2).

No treating as if not employee

5.1 (1) An employer shall not treat, for the purposes of this Act, a person who is an employee of the employer as if the person were not an employee under this Act. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 5.

(2) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Settlement by trade union binding

6 A settlement made on an employee's behalf by a trade union that represents the employee is binding on the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 6.

Agents

7 An agreement or authorization that may lawfully be made or given by an employee under this Act may be made or given by his or her agent and is binding on the employee as if it had been made or given by the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 7.

Civil proceedings not affected

8 (1) Subject to section 97, no civil remedy of an employee against his or her employer is affected by this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 8 (1).

Notice

(2) Where an employee commences a civil proceeding against his or her employer under this Act, notice of the proceeding shall be served on the Director on a form approved by the Director on or before the date the civil proceeding is set down for trial. 2000, c. 41, s. 8 (2).

Service of notice

(3) The notice shall be served on the Director,

- (a) by being delivered to the Director's office on a day and at a time when it is open;
- (b) by being mailed to the Director's office using a method of mail delivery that allows delivery to be verified; or
- (c) by being sent to the Director's office by fax or email. 2009, c. 9, s. 1.

When service effective

(4) Service under subsection (3) shall be deemed to be effected,

- (a) in the case of service under clause (3) (a), on the day shown on a receipt or acknowledgment provided to the employee by the Director or his or her representative;
- (b) in the case of service under clause (3) (b), on the day shown in the verification;

(c) in the case of service under clause (3) (c), on the day on which the fax or email is sent, subject to subsection (5). 2009, c. 9, s. 1.

Same

(5) Service shall be deemed to be effected on the next day on which the Director's office is not closed, if the fax or email is sent,

(a) on a day on which the Director's office is closed; or

(b) after 5 p.m. on any day. 2009, c. 9, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Act is amended by adding the following Part: (See: 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1))

PART III.1 JOB POSTINGS

Definitions

8.1 In this Part, and for the purposes of Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions) and Part XXVII (Regulations) insofar as matters concerning this Part are concerned,

“artificial intelligence” has the meaning set out in the regulations; (“intelligence artificielle”)

“employer” means an employer as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes a prospective employer; (“employeur”)

“publicly advertised job posting” has the meaning set out in the regulations. (“annonce publique de poste”) 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Compensation range information

8.2 (1) Every employer who advertises a publicly advertised job posting shall include in

the posting information about the expected compensation for the position or the range of expected compensation for the position. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a publicly advertised job posting that meets such criteria as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Range of expected compensation

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a range of expected compensation is subject to such conditions, limitations, restrictions or requirements as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, section 8.2 of the Act, as enacted by subsection (1), is repealed. (See: 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (2))

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Canadian experience

8.3 (1) No employer who advertises a publicly advertised job posting shall include in the posting or in any associated application form any requirements related to Canadian experience. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a publicly advertised job posting that meets such criteria as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Use of artificial intelligence

8.4 (1) Every employer who advertises a publicly advertised job posting and who uses artificial intelligence to screen, assess or select applicants for the position shall include in the posting a statement disclosing the use of the artificial intelligence. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a publicly advertised job posting that meets such

criteria as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Act is amended by adding the following section: (See: 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 1)

Job posting information

8.5 (1) Every employer who advertises a publicly advertised job posting shall include in the posting,

(a) a statement disclosing whether the posting is for an existing vacancy or not; and

(b) such other information as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 1.

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a publicly advertised job posting that meets such criteria as may be prescribed. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Act is amended by adding the following section: (See: 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 1)

Duty to inform applicants interviewed

8.6 If an employer interviews an applicant for a publicly advertised job posting, the employer shall, within the prescribed time period, provide the applicant with the prescribed information. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART IV

CONTINUITY OF EMPLOYMENT

Sale, etc., of business

9 (1) If an employer sells a business or a part of a business and the purchaser employs an employee of the seller, the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been terminated or severed for the purposes of this Act and his or her employment with the seller shall be deemed to have been employment with the purchaser for the purpose of any subsequent calculation of the employee's length or period of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 9 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the day on which the purchaser hires the employee is more than 13 weeks after the earlier of his or her last day of employment with the seller and the day of the sale. 2000, c. 41, s. 9 (2).

Definitions

(3) In this section,

“sells” includes leases, transfers or disposes of in any other manner, and “sale” has a corresponding meaning. 2000, c. 41, s. 9 (3).

Predecessor Acts

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), employment with the seller includes any employment attributed to the seller under this section or a provision of a predecessor Act dealing with sales of businesses. 2000, c. 41, s. 9 (4).

New building services provider

10 (1) This section applies if the building services provider for a building is replaced by a new provider and an employee of the replaced provider is employed by the new provider. 2000, c. 41, s. 10 (1).

No termination or severance

(2) The employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been terminated or severed for the purposes of this Act and his or her employment with the replaced provider shall be deemed to have been employment with the new provider for the purpose of any subsequent calculation of the employee's length or period of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 10 (2).

Exception

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the day on which the new provider hires the employee is more than 13 weeks after the earlier of his or her last day of employment with the replaced provider and the day on which the new provider began servicing the premises. 2000, c. 41, s. 10 (3).

Predecessor Acts

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2), employment with the replaced provider includes any employment attributed to the replaced provider under this section or under a provision of a predecessor Act dealing with building services providers. 2000, c. 41, s. 10 (4).

PART V PAYMENT OF WAGES

Payment of wages

11 (1) An employer shall establish a recurring pay period and a recurring pay day and shall pay all wages earned during each pay period, other than accruing vacation pay, no later than the pay day for that period. 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (1).

Method of payment

(2) An employer shall pay an employee's wages,

- (a) by cash;
- (b) by cheque payable only to the employee;
- (c) by direct deposit in accordance with subsection (4); or
- (d) by any other prescribed method of payment. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 6.

Place of payment by cash or cheque

(3) If payment is made by cash or cheque, the employer shall ensure that the cash or cheque is given to the employee at his or her workplace or at some other place agreeable to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (3).

Direct deposit

(4) An employer may pay an employee's wages by direct deposit into an account of a financial institution if,

- (a) the account is selected by the employee and is in the employee's name;
- (b) no person other than the employee or a person authorized by the employee has access to the account; and
- (c) the account meets the prescribed criteria, if any. 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (4); 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 2; 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 3.

If employment ends

(5) If an employee's employment ends, the employer shall pay any wages to which the employee is entitled to the employee not later than the later of,

- (a) seven days after the employment ends; and
- (b) the day that would have been the employee's next pay day. 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Statement re wages

12 (1) On or before an employee's pay day, the employer shall give to the employee a written statement setting out,

- (a) the pay period for which the wages are being paid;
- (b) the wage rate, if there is one;
- (c) the gross amount of wages and, unless the information is provided to the employee in some other manner, how that amount was calculated;
- (d) REPEALED: 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (3).
- (e) the amount and purpose of each deduction from wages;
- (f) any amount with respect to room or board that is deemed to have been paid to the employee under subsection 23 (2); and
- (g) the net amount of wages being paid to the employee. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (2); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (3).

(2) REPEALED: 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (4).

Electronic copies

(3) The statement may be provided to the employee by electronic mail rather than in writing if the employee has access to a means of making a paper copy of the statement. 2000, c. 41, s. 12 (3).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Statement re wages on termination

12.1 On or before the day on which the employer is required to pay wages under subsection 11 (5), the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement setting out,

- (a) the gross amount of any termination pay or severance pay being paid to the employee;
- (b) the gross amount of any vacation pay being paid to the employee;
- (c) unless the information is provided to the employee in some other manner, how the amounts referred to in clauses (a) and (b) were calculated;
- (d) the pay period for which any wages other than wages described in clauses (a) or (b) are being paid;
- (e) the wage rate, if there is one;
- (f) the gross amount of any wages referred to in clause (d) and, unless the information is provided to the employee in some other manner, how that amount was calculated;
- (g) the amount and purpose of each deduction from wages;
- (h) any amount with respect to room or board that is deemed to have been paid to the employee under subsection 23 (2); and
- (i) the net amount of wages being paid to the employee. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (5).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Deductions, etc.

13 (1) An employer shall not withhold wages payable to an employee, make a

deduction from an employee's wages or cause the employee to return his or her wages to the employer unless authorized to do so under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 13 (1).

Statute or court order

(2) An employer may withhold or make a deduction from an employee's wages or cause the employee to return them if a statute of Ontario or Canada or a court order authorizes it. 2000, c. 41, s. 13 (2).

Employee authorization

(3) An employer may withhold or make a deduction from an employee's wages or cause the employee to return them with the employee's written authorization. 2000, c. 41, s. 13 (3).

Exception

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply if the statute, order or written authorization from the employee requires the employer to remit the withheld or deducted wages to a third person and the employer fails to do so. 2000, c. 41, s. 13 (4).

Same

(5) Subsection (3) does not apply if,

- (a) the employee's authorization does not refer to a specific amount or provide a formula from which a specific amount may be calculated;
- (b) the employee's wages were withheld, deducted or required to be returned,
 - (i) because of faulty work,
 - (ii) because the employer had a cash shortage, lost property or had property stolen and a person other than the employee had access to the cash or property, or
 - (iii) under any prescribed conditions; or
- (c) the employee's wages were required to be returned and those wages were the subject of an order under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 13 (5).

Cash shortage, lost property, etc.

(6) For greater certainty, the circumstances set out in subclause (5) (b) (ii) include where

a customer of a restaurant, gas station or other establishment leaves the establishment without paying for the goods or services taken from, consumed at or received at the establishment. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Priority of claims

14 (1) Despite any other Act, wages shall have priority over and be paid before the claims and rights of all other unsecured creditors of an employer, to the extent of \$10,000 per employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 14 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to a distribution made under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) or other legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada respecting bankruptcy or insolvency. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART V.1

EMPLOYEE TIPS AND OTHER GRATUITIES

Method of payment

14.1 (1) An employer shall pay an employee's tips or other gratuities,

- (a) by cash;
- (b) by cheque payable only to the employee;
- (c) by direct deposit in accordance with subsection (3); or
- (d) by any other prescribed method of payment. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Place of payment by cash or cheque

(2) If payment is made by cash or cheque, the employer shall ensure that the cash or cheque is given to the employee at his or her workplace or at some other place agreeable to the employee. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Direct deposit

(3) An employer may pay an employee's tips or other gratuities by direct deposit into an account of a financial institution if,

- (a) the account is selected by the employee and is in the employee's name;
 - (b) no person other than the employee or a person authorized by the employee has access to the account; and
 - (c) the account meets the prescribed criteria, if any. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 5.
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▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Prohibition re tips or other gratuities

14.2 (1) An employer shall not withhold tips or other gratuities from an employee, make a deduction from an employee's tips or other gratuities or cause the employee to return or give his or her tips or other gratuities to the employer unless authorized to do so under this Part. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Enforcement

(2) If an employer contravenes subsection (1), the amount withheld, deducted, returned or given is a debt owing to the employee and is enforceable under this Act as if it were wages owing to the employee. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Statute or court order

14.3 (1) An employer may withhold or make a deduction from an employee's tips or other gratuities or cause the employee to return or give them to the employer if a statute of Ontario or Canada or a court order authorizes it. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the statute or order requires the employer to remit the withheld, deducted, returned or given tips or other gratuities to a third person and the employer fails to do so. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Pooling of tips or other gratuities

14.4 (1) An employer may withhold or make a deduction from an employee's tips or other gratuities or cause the employee to return or give them to the employer if the employer collects and redistributes tips or other gratuities among some or all of the employer's employees. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Exception

(2) An employer shall not redistribute tips or other gratuities under subsection (1) to such employees as may be prescribed. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Employer, etc. not to share in tips or other gratuities

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), an employer or a director or shareholder of an employer may not share in tips or other gratuities redistributed under subsection (1). 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Exception — sole proprietor, partner

(4) An employer who is a sole proprietor or a partner in a partnership may share in tips or other gratuities redistributed under subsection (1) if he or she regularly performs to a substantial degree the same work performed by,

- (a) some or all of the employees who share in the redistribution; or
- (b) employees of other employers in the same industry who commonly receive or share tips or other gratuities. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Exception — director, shareholder

(5) A director or shareholder of an employer may share in tips or other gratuities redistributed under subsection (1) if he or she regularly performs to a substantial degree the same work performed by,

- (a) some or all of the employees who share in the redistribution; or
- (b) employees of other employers in the same industry who commonly receive or share tips or other gratuities. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Policy re employer, etc., sharing in tips

(6) If an employer has a policy in place with respect to the employer or a director or shareholder of the employer sharing in tips or other gratuities redistributed under subsection (1), the employer shall post and keep posted a copy of the policy in at least one conspicuous place in the employer's establishment where it is likely to come to the attention of the employer's employees. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 6.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Transition — collective agreements

14.5 (1) If a collective agreement that is in effect on the day section 1 of the *Protecting Employees' Tips Act, 2015* comes into force contains a provision that addresses the treatment of employee tips or other gratuities and there is a conflict between the provision of the collective agreement and this Part, the provision of the collective agreement prevails. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Same — expiry of agreement

(2) Following the expiry of a collective agreement described in subsection (1), if the provision that addresses the treatment of employee tips or other gratuities remains in effect, subsection (1) continues to apply to that provision, with necessary modifications, until a new or renewal agreement comes into effect. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

Same — renewed or new agreement

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a collective agreement that is made or renewed on or after the day section 1 of the *Protecting Employees' Tips Act, 2015* comes into force. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART VI RECORDS

Records

15 (1) An employer shall record the following information with respect to each

employee, including an employee who is a homemaker:

1. The employee's name and address.
2. The employee's date of birth, if the employee is a student and under 18 years of age.
3. The date on which the employee began his or her employment.
 - 3.1 The dates and times that the employee worked.
 - 3.2 If the employee has two or more regular rates of pay for work performed for the employer and, in a work week, the employee performed work for the employer in excess of the overtime threshold, the dates and times that the employee worked in excess of the overtime threshold at each rate of pay.
4. The number of hours the employee worked in each day and each week.
5. The information contained in each written statement given to the employee under subsection 12 (1), section 12.1, subsections 27 (2.1), 28 (2.1), 29 (1.1) and 30 (2.1) and clause 36 (3) (b).
6. REPEALED: 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (7).
2000, c. 41, s. 15 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (6, 7); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1, 3).

Homeworkers

(2) In addition to the record described in subsection (1), the employer shall maintain a register of any homeworkers the employer employs showing the following information:

1. The employee's name and address.
2. The information that is contained in all statements required to be provided to the employee described in clause 12 (1) (b).
3. Any prescribed information. 2000, c. 41, s. 15 (2).

Exception

(3) An employer is not required to record the information described in paragraph 3.1 or 4 of subsection (1) with respect to an employee who is paid a salary if,

- (a) the employer records the number of hours in excess of those in his or her regular work week and,

(i) the number of hours in excess of eight that the employee worked in each day, or

(ii) if the number of hours in the employee's regular work day is more than eight hours, the number in excess; or

(b) sections 17 to 19 and Part VIII (Overtime Pay) do not apply with respect to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 15 (3); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 8 (4).

Meaning of salary

- (4) An employee is considered to be paid a salary for the purposes of subsection (3) if,
- (a) the employee is entitled to be paid a fixed amount for each pay period; and
 - (b) the amount actually paid for each pay period does not vary according to the number of hours worked by the employee, unless he or she works more than 44 hours in a week. 2000, c. 41, s. 15 (4).

Retention of records

(5) The employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain the records of the information required under this section for the following periods:

1. For information referred to in paragraph 1 or 3 of subsection (1), three years after the employee ceased to be employed by the employer.
2. For information referred to in paragraph 2 of subsection (1), the earlier of,
 - i. three years after the employee's 18th birthday, or
 - ii. three years after the employee ceased to be employed by the employer.
3. For information referred to in paragraph 3.1, 3.2 or 4 of subsection (1) or in subsection (3), three years after the day or week to which the information relates.
4. For information referred to in paragraph 5 of subsection (1), three years after the information was given to the employee.
5. REPEALED: 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (8).

2000, c. 41, s. 15 (5); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (8); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 8 (5).

Register of homeworkers

(6) Information pertaining to a homeworker may be deleted from the register three

years after the homeworker ceases to be employed by the employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 15 (6).

Retain documents re leave

(7) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain all notices, certificates, correspondence and other documents given to or produced by the employer that relate to an employee taking pregnancy leave, parental leave, family medical leave, organ donor leave, family caregiver leave, critical illness leave, child death leave, crime-related child disappearance leave, domestic or sexual violence leave, sick leave, family responsibility leave, bereavement leave, emergency leave during a declared emergency or an infectious disease emergency or reservist leave for three years after the day on which the leave expired. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (1); 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 2; 2009, c. 16, s. 1; 2014, c. 6, s. 1; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 8 (7, 8); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 4; 2020, c. 3, s. 2.

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, subsection 15 (7) of the Act is amended by adding “placement of a child leave” after “pregnancy leave”. (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 1 (1))

Note: On June 19, 2025, six months after the day the *Working for Workers Six Act, 2024* receives Royal Assent, subsection 15 (7) of the Act is amended by adding “long-term illness leave” after “domestic or sexual violence leave”. (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 1 (2))

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, section 15 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection: (See: 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1))

Retention of job postings

(7.1) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every publicly advertised job posting within the meaning of Part III.1 and any associated application form for three years after access to the posting by the general public is removed. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1).

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, section 15 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection: (See: 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 2)

Retention of interview information

(7.1.1) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of all prescribed information provided under section 8.6 for three years after the day the information was provided to the applicant. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 2.

Retention of tips sharing policy

(7.2) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every written policy on sharing in tips or other gratuities that is required to be posted under subsection 14.4 (6) for three years after the policy ceases to be in effect. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 7 (2).

Retention of agreements re excess hours

(8) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every agreement that the employer has made with an employee permitting the employee to work hours in excess of the limits set out in subsection 17 (1) for three years after the last day on which work was performed under the agreement. 2004, c. 21, s. 2.

Retention of disconnecting from work policies

(8.1) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every written policy on disconnecting from work required under Part VII.0.1 for three years after the policy ceases to be in effect. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 2.

Retention of electronic monitoring policy

(8.2) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every written policy on electronic monitoring required under Part XI.1 for three years after the policy ceases to be in effect. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Retention of averaging agreements

(9) An employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain copies of every averaging agreement that the employer has made with an employee under clause 22 (2) (a) for three years after the last day on which work was performed under the agreement. 2004, c. 21, s. 2.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Record re vacation time and vacation pay

15.1 (1) An employer shall record information concerning an employee's entitlement to vacation time and vacation pay in accordance with this section. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9).

Content of record

(2) The employer shall record the following information:

1. The amount of vacation time, if any, that the employee had earned since the start of employment but had not taken before the start of the vacation entitlement year.
2. The amount of vacation time that the employee earned during the vacation entitlement year.
3. The amount of vacation time, if any, taken by the employee during the vacation entitlement year.
4. The amount of vacation time, if any, that the employee had earned since the start of employment but had not taken as of the end of the vacation entitlement year.
- 4.1 The amount of vacation pay that the employee earned during the vacation entitlement year and how that amount was calculated.
5. The amount of vacation pay paid to the employee during the vacation entitlement year.
6. The amount of wages on which the vacation pay referred to in paragraph 5 was calculated and the period of time to which those wages relate. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 9 (1).

Additional requirement, alternative vacation entitlement year

(3) If the employer establishes an alternative vacation entitlement year for an employee, the employer shall record the following information for the stub period:

1. The amount of vacation time that the employee earned during the stub period.
2. The amount of vacation time, if any, that the employee took during the stub period.
3. The amount of vacation time, if any, earned but not taken by the employee during the stub period.

3.1 The amount of vacation pay that the employee earned during the stub period and how that amount was calculated.

4. The amount of vacation pay paid to the employee during the stub period.

5. The amount of wages on which the vacation pay referred to in paragraph 4 was calculated and the period of time to which those wages relate. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 9 (2).

When information to be recorded

(4) The employer shall record information under this section by a date that is not later than the later of,

(a) seven days after the start of the next vacation entitlement year or the first vacation entitlement year, as the case may be; and

(b) the first pay day of the next vacation entitlement year or of the first vacation entitlement year, as the case may be. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9).

Retention of records

(5) The employer shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain each record required under this section for five years after it was made. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 9 (3).

Exception

(6) Paragraphs 5 and 6 of subsection (2) and paragraphs 4 and 5 of subsection (3) do not apply with respect to an employee whose employer pays vacation pay in accordance with subsection 36 (3). 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9).

Transition

(7) Subsections 15.1 (2) and (3), as they read immediately before the day section 9 of Schedule 1 to the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* came into force, continue to apply with respect to vacation entitlement years and stub periods that began before that day. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 9 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Availability

16 An employer shall ensure that all of the records and documents required to be retained under sections 15 and 15.1 are readily available for inspection as required by an employment standards officer, even if the employer has arranged for another person to retain them. 2000, c. 41, s. 16; 2004, c. 21, s. 3.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

PART VII

HOURS OF WORK AND EATING PERIODS

Limit on hours of work

17 (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), no employer shall require or permit an employee to work more than,

(a) eight hours in a day or, if the employer establishes a regular work day of more than eight hours for the employee, the number of hours in his or her regular work day; and

(b) 48 hours in a work week. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

Exception: hours in a day

(2) An employee's hours of work may exceed the limit set out in clause (1) (a) if the employee has made an agreement with the employer that he or she will work up to a specified number of hours in a day in excess of the limit and his or her hours of work in a day do not exceed the number specified in the agreement. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

Exception: hours in a work week

(3) An employee's hours of work may exceed the limit set out in clause (1) (b) if the employee has made an agreement with the employer that he or she will work up to a specified number of hours in a work week in excess of the limit and his or her hours of work in a work week do not exceed the number of hours specified in the agreement. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (1).

(4) REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (1).

Document re employee rights

(5) An agreement described in subsection (2) or (3) is not valid unless,

(a) the employer has, before the agreement is made, provided the employee with a copy of the most recent document published by the Director under section 21.1; and

(b) the agreement contains a statement in which the employee acknowledges that he or she has received a document that the employer has represented is the most recent document published by the Director under section 21.1. 2004, c. 21, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (2).

Revocation by employee

(6) An employee may revoke an agreement described in subsection (2) or (3) two weeks after giving written notice to the employer. 2004, c. 21, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (2).

Revocation by employer

(7) An employer may revoke an agreement described in subsection (2) or (3) after giving reasonable notice to the employee. 2004, c. 21, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (2).

Transition: certain agreements

(8) For the purposes of this section,

(a) an agreement to exceed the limit on hours of work in a day set out in clause (1) (a) of this section as it read on February 28, 2005 shall be treated as if it were an agreement described in subsection (2);

(b) an agreement to exceed the limit on hours of work in a work week set out in clause (1) (b) of this section as it read on February 28, 2005 shall be treated as if it were an agreement described in subsection (3); and

(c) an agreement to exceed the limit on hours of work in a work week set out in clause (2) (b) of this section as it read on February 28, 2005 shall be treated as if it were an agreement described in subsection (3). 2004, c. 21, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (3).

Document re employee rights – exceptions

(9) Subsection (5) does not apply in respect of,

(a) an agreement described in subsection (8); or

(b) an agreement described in subsection (2) or (3) in respect of an employee who is represented by a trade union. 2004, c. 21, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (2).

(10), (11) REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 3 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

17.1 REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

17.2 REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 5.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

17.3 REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 6.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Hours free from work

18 (1) An employer shall give an employee a period of at least 11 consecutive hours free from performing work in each day. 2000, c. 41, s. 18 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (10).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an employee who is on call and called in during a period in which the employee would not otherwise be expected to perform work for his or her employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 18 (2); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Free from work between shifts

(3) An employer shall give an employee a period of at least eight hours free from the performance of work between shifts unless the total time worked on successive shifts does not exceed 13 hours or unless the employer and the employee agree otherwise. 2000, c. 41, s. 18 (3).

Weekly or biweekly free time requirements

(4) An employer shall give an employee a period free from the performance of work equal to,

- (a) at least 24 consecutive hours in every work week; or
 - (b) at least 48 consecutive hours in every period of two consecutive work weeks.
- 2000, c. 41, s. 18 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Exceptional circumstances

19 An employer may require an employee to work more than the maximum number of hours permitted under section 17 or to work during a period that is required to be free from performing work under section 18 only as follows, but only so far as is necessary to avoid serious interference with the ordinary working of the employer's establishment or operations:

- 1. To deal with an emergency.
- 2. If something unforeseen occurs, to ensure the continued delivery of essential public services, regardless of who delivers those services.
- 3. If something unforeseen occurs, to ensure that continuous processes or seasonal operations are not interrupted.
- 4. To carry out urgent repair work to the employer's plant or equipment. 2000, c. 41, s. 19.

Eating periods

20 (1) An employer shall give an employee an eating period of at least 30 minutes at intervals that will result in the employee working no more than five consecutive hours without an eating period. 2000, c. 41, s. 20 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the employer and the employee agree, whether or not in writing, that the employee is to be given two eating periods that together total at least 30 minutes in each consecutive five-hour period. 2000, c. 41, s. 20 (2).

Payment not required

21 An employer is not required to pay an employee for an eating period in which work is not being performed unless his or her employment contract requires such payment. 2000, c. 41, s. 21.

Director to prepare document

21.1 (1) The Director shall prepare and publish a document that describes such rights of employees and obligations of employers under this Part and Part VIII as the Director believes an employee should be made aware of in connection with an agreement referred to in subsection 17 (2) or (3). 2004, c. 21, s. 5; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 7.

If document not up to date

(2) If the Director believes that a document prepared under subsection (1) has become out of date, he or she shall prepare and publish a new document. 2004, c. 21, s. 5.

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PART VII.0.1

WRITTEN POLICY ON DISCONNECTING FROM WORK

Interpretation

21.1.1 In this Part,

“disconnecting from work” means not engaging in work-related communications, including emails, telephone calls, video calls or the sending or reviewing of other messages, so as to be free from the performance of work. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

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Written policy on disconnecting from work

21.1.2 (1) An employer that, on January 1 of any year, employs 25 or more employees shall, before March 1 of that year, ensure it has a written policy in place for all employees with respect to disconnecting from work that includes the date the policy was prepared and the date any changes were made to the policy. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Copy of policy

(2) An employer shall provide a copy of the written policy with respect to disconnecting from work to each of the employer's employees within 30 days of preparing the policy or, if an existing written policy is changed, within 30 days of the changes being made. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Same

(3) An employer shall provide a copy of the written policy with respect to disconnecting from work that applies to a new employee within 30 days of the day the employee becomes an employee of the employer. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Prescribed information

(4) A written policy required under subsection (1) shall contain such information as may be prescribed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Transition

(5) Despite subsection (1), an employer shall,

- (a) have until the date that is six months after the day the *Working for Workers Act, 2021* receives Royal Assent instead of March 1 to comply with the requirements of subsection (1); and
- (b) determine whether it employs 25 employees or more as of the January 1 immediately preceding the date described in clause (a). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 3.

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PART VII.1

THREE HOUR RULE

Three hour rule

21.2 (1) If an employee who regularly works more than three hours a day is required to present himself or herself for work but works less than three hours, despite being available to work longer, the employer shall pay the employee wages for three hours, equal to the greater of the following:

1. The sum of,

- i. the amount the employee earned for the time worked, and
 - ii. wages equal to the employee's regular rate for the remainder of the time.
2. Wages equal to the employee's regular rate for three hours of work. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the employer is unable to provide work for the employee because of fire, lightning, power failure, storms or similar causes beyond the employer's control that result in the stopping of work. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 5.

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PART VIII OVERTIME PAY

Overtime threshold

22 (1) Subject to subsection (1.1), an employer shall pay an employee overtime pay of at least one and one-half times his or her regular rate for each hour of work in excess of 44 hours in each work week or, if another threshold is prescribed, that prescribed threshold. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (1); 2011, c. 1, Sched. 7, s. 1; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 13 (1).

Same, two or more regular rates

(1.1) If an employee has two or more regular rates for work performed for the same employer in a work week,

- (a) the employee is entitled to be paid overtime pay for each hour of work performed in the week after the total number of hours performed for the employer reaches the overtime threshold; and
- (b) the overtime pay for each hour referred to in clause (a) is one and one-half times the regular rate that applies to the work performed in that hour. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 13 (2).

Averaging

(2) An employee's hours of work may be averaged over separate, non-overlapping, contiguous periods of two or more consecutive weeks for the purpose of determining the employee's entitlement, if any, to overtime pay if,

- (a) the employee has made an agreement with the employer that his or her hours of work may be averaged over periods of a specified number of weeks; and
- (b) the averaging period does not exceed four weeks or the number of weeks specified in the agreement, whichever is lower. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (1).

(2.1) REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (1).

Transition: certain agreements

(2.2) For the purposes of this section, each of the following agreements shall be treated as if it were an agreement described in clause (2) (a):

- 1. An agreement to average hours of work made under a predecessor to this Act.
- 2. An agreement to average hours of work made under this section as it read on February 28, 2005.
- 3. An agreement to average hours of work that complies with the conditions prescribed by the regulations made under paragraph 7 of subsection 141 (1) as it read on February 28, 2005. 2004, c. 21, s. 6 (1).

Term of agreement

(3) Subject to subsections (3.1) and (3.2), an averaging agreement is not valid unless it provides for a start date and an expiry date. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (2).

Limit on agreement, not represented by trade union

(3.1) If the employee is not represented by a trade union, the averaging agreement's expiry date shall not be more than two years after the start date. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (2).

Limit on agreement, collective agreement applies

(3.2) If the employee is represented by a trade union and a collective agreement applies to the employee, an averaging agreement shall expire no later than the day a subsequent collective agreement that applies to the employee comes into operation.

2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (2).

Agreement may be renewed or replaced

(4) For greater certainty, an averaging agreement may be renewed or replaced if the requirements set out in this section are met. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (3).

Existing agreement

(5) Any averaging agreement that was made before the day the *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2019* received Royal Assent in accordance with this section, as it read at the time, and that was approved by the Director under section 22.1, as it read at the time, is deemed to have met the requirements set out in subsections (2), (3), (3.1) and (3.2) and continues to be valid until the earlier of,

- (a) the day the agreement is revoked under subsection (6);
- (b) the day the Director's approval expires; or
- (c) the day the Director's approval is revoked. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (4).

(5.1) REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 8 (4).

Agreement irrevocable

(6) No averaging agreement referred to in this section may be revoked before it expires unless the employer and the employee agree to revoke it. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (6).

Time off in lieu

(7) The employee may be compensated for overtime hours by receiving one and one-half hours of paid time off work for each hour of overtime worked instead of overtime pay if,

- (a) the employee and the employer agree to do so; and
- (b) the paid time off work is taken within three months of the work week in which the overtime was earned or, with the employee's agreement, within 12 months of that work week. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (7).

Where employment ends

(8) If the employment of an employee ends before the paid time off is taken under subsection (7), the employer shall pay the employee overtime pay for the overtime

hours that were worked in accordance with subsection 11 (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (8).

Changing work

(9) If an employee who performs work of a particular kind or character is exempted from the application of this section by the regulations or the regulations prescribe an overtime threshold of other than 44 hours for an employee who performs such work, and the duties of an employee's position require him or her to perform both that work and work of another kind or character, this Part shall apply to the employee in respect of all work performed by him or her in a work week unless the time spent by the employee performing that other work constitutes less than half the time that the employee spent fulfilling the duties of his or her position in that work week. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (9).

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22.1 REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 9.

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22.2 REPEALED: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 9.

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PART IX MINIMUM WAGE

Minimum wage

23 (1) An employer shall pay employees at least the minimum wage. 2000, c. 41, s. 23 (1); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1).

Room or board

(2) If an employer provides room or board to an employee, the prescribed amount with respect to room or board shall be deemed to have been paid by the employer to the employee as wages. 2000, c. 41, s. 23 (2).

Determining compliance

(3) Compliance with this Part shall be determined on a pay period basis. 2000, c. 41, s. 23 (3).

Hourly rate

(4) Without restricting the generality of subsection (3), if the minimum wage applicable with respect to an employee is expressed as an hourly rate, the employer shall not be considered to have complied with this Part unless,

(a) when the amount of regular wages paid to the employee in the pay period is divided by the number of hours he or she worked in the pay period, other than hours for which the employee was entitled to receive overtime pay or premium pay, the quotient is at least equal to the minimum wage; and

(b) when the amount of overtime pay and premium pay paid to the employee in the pay period is divided by the number of hours worked in the pay period for which the employee was entitled to receive overtime pay or premium pay, the quotient is at least equal to one and one half times the minimum wage. 2000, c. 41, s. 23 (4); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 2 (2-4).

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Change to minimum wage during pay period

23.0.1 If the minimum wage rate applicable to an employee changes during a pay period, the calculations required by subsection 23 (4) shall be performed as if the pay period were two separate pay periods, the first consisting of the part falling before the day on which the change takes effect and the second consisting of the part falling on and after the day on which the change takes effect. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 14.

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Determination of minimum wage

23.1 (1) The minimum wage is the following:

1. On or after January 1, 2022 but before October 1, 2022, the amount set out below for the following classes of employees:

i. For employees who are students under 18 years of age, if the student's

weekly hours do not exceed 28 hours or if the student is employed during a school holiday, \$14.10 per hour.

ii. For the services of hunting and fishing guides, \$75.00 for less than five consecutive hours in a day and \$150.05 for five or more hours in a day, whether or not the hours are consecutive.

iii. For employees who are homeworkers, \$16.50 per hour.

iv. For any other employees not listed in subparagraphs i to iii, \$15.00 per hour.

2. From October 1, 2022 onward, the amount determined under subsection (4). 2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 1 (1).

Student homeworker

(1.1) If an employee falls within both subparagraphs 1 i and iii of subsection (1), the employer shall pay the employee not less than the minimum wage for a homeworker. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 15 (1); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 6 (4); 2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 1 (2).

Exception

(2) If a class of employees that would otherwise be in the class described in subparagraph 1 iv of subsection (1) is prescribed and a minimum wage for the class is also prescribed,

(a) subsection (1) does not apply; and

(b) the minimum wage for the class is the minimum wage prescribed for it. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 15 (2); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 6 (5); 2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 1 (3).

Same

(3) If a class of employees and a minimum wage for the class are prescribed under subsection (2), subsections (4) to (6) apply as if the class and the minimum wage were a class and a minimum wage under subsection (1). 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Annual adjustment

(4) On October 1 of each year starting in 2022, the minimum wage that applied to a

class of employees immediately before October 1 shall be adjusted as follows:

$$\text{Previous wage} \times (\text{Index A/Index B}) = \text{Adjusted wage}$$

in which,

“Previous wage” is the minimum wage that applied immediately before October 1 of the year,

“Index A” is the Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year,

“Index B” is the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year mentioned in the description of “Index A”, and

“Adjusted wage” is the new minimum wage.

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 15 (3); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 6 (6);
2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 1 (4).

Rounding

(5) If the adjustment required by subsection (4) would result in an amount that is not a multiple of 5 cents, the amount shall be rounded up or down to the nearest amount that is a multiple of 5 cents. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Exception where decrease

(6) If the adjustment otherwise required by subsection (4) would result in a decrease in the minimum wage, no adjustment shall be made. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Publication of minimum wage

(7) The Minister shall, not later than April 1 of every year after 2021, publish on a website of the Government of Ontario the minimum wages that are to apply starting on October 1 of that year. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 15 (4); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 6 (7); 2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 1 (5).

(8) REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 15 (5).

Same

(9) If, after the Minister publishes the minimum wages that are to apply starting on October 1 of a year, a minimum wage is prescribed under subsection (2) for a prescribed class of employees, the Minister shall promptly publish the new wage that

will apply to that class starting on October 1 of the applicable year as a result of the wage having been prescribed. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

(10), (11) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 6 (8).

Definition

(12) In this section,

“Consumer Price Index” means the Consumer Price Index for Ontario (all items) published by Statistics Canada under the *Statistics Act* (Canada). 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

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PART X PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holiday pay

24 (1) An employee’s public holiday pay for a given public holiday shall be equal to,

- (a) the total amount of regular wages earned and vacation pay payable to the employee in the four work weeks before the work week in which the public holiday occurred, divided by 20; or
- (b) if some other manner of calculation is prescribed, the amount determined using that manner of calculation. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 16; 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 7 (1).

(1.1), (1.2) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 7 (2).

Premium pay

(2) An employer who is required under this Part to pay premium pay to an employee shall pay the employee at least one and one half times his or her regular rate. 2000, c. 41, s. 24 (2).

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Two kinds of work

25 (1) Subsection (2) applies with respect to an employee if,

- (a) an employee performs work of a particular kind or character in a work week in which a public holiday occurs;
- (b) the regulations exempt employees who perform work of that kind or character from the application of this Part; and
- (c) the duties of the employee's position also require him or her to perform work of another kind or character. 2000, c. 41, s. 25 (1).

Same

(2) This Part applies to the employee with respect to that public holiday unless the time spent by the employee performing the work referred to in clause (1) (b) constitutes more than half the time that the employee spent fulfilling the duties of his or her position in that work week. 2000, c. 41, s. 25 (2).

Public holiday ordinarily a working day

26 (1) If a public holiday falls on a day that would ordinarily be a working day for an employee and the employee is not on vacation that day, the employer shall give the employee the day off work and pay him or her public holiday pay for that day. 2000, c. 41, s. 26 (1).

Exception

(2) The employee has no entitlement under subsection (1) if he or she fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 26 (2).

Agreement to work, ordinarily a working day

27 (1) An employee and employer may agree that the employee will work on a public holiday that would ordinarily be a working day for that employee, and if they do, section 26 does not apply to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 27 (1).

Employee's entitlement

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if an employer and an employee make an agreement under subsection (1),

(a) the employer shall pay to the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and substitute another day that would ordinarily be a working day for the employee to take off work and for which he or she shall be paid public holiday pay as if the substitute day were a public holiday; or

(b) if the employee and the employer agree, the employer shall pay to the employee public holiday pay for the day plus premium pay for each hour worked on that day. 2000, c. 41, s. 27 (2).

Substitute day of holiday

(2.1) If a day is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a), the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement, before the public holiday, that sets out,

(a) the public holiday on which the employee will work;

(b) the date of the day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a); and

(c) the date on which the statement is provided to the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 17.

Restriction

(3) A day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a) shall be,

(a) a day that is no more than three months after the public holiday; or

(b) if the employee and the employer agree, a day that is no more than 12 months after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 27 (3).

Where certain work not performed

(4) The employee's entitlement under subsection (2) is subject to the following rules:

1. If the employee, without reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday, the employee has no entitlement under subsection (2).

2. If the employee, with reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or, if an

agreement was made under clause (2) (b), public holiday pay for the public holiday. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employee has no entitlement under subsection (2).

3. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to perform all of it, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

4. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday but fails, with reasonable cause, to perform all of it, the employer shall give the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or, if an agreement was made under clause (2) (b), public holiday pay for the public holiday plus premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

5. If the employee performs all of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 27 (4); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (13).

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Requirement to work on a public holiday: certain operations

28 (1) If an employee is employed in a hospital, a continuous operation, or a hotel, motel, tourist resort, restaurant or tavern, the employer may require the employee to work on a public holiday that is ordinarily a working day for the employee and that is

not a day on which the employee is on vacation, and if the employer does so, sections 26 and 27 do not apply to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 28 (1).

Employee's entitlement

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if an employer requires an employee to work on a public holiday under subsection (1), the employer shall,

- (a) pay to the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and substitute another day that would ordinarily be a working day for the employee to take off work and for which he or she shall be paid public holiday pay as if the substitute day were a public holiday; or
- (b) pay to the employee public holiday pay for the day plus premium pay for each hour worked on that day. 2000, c. 41, s. 28 (2).

Substitute day of holiday

(2.1) If a day is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a), the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement, before the public holiday, that sets out,

- (a) the public holiday on which the employee will work;
- (b) the date of the day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a); and
- (c) the date on which the statement is provided to the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 18.

Restriction

(3) A day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a) shall be,

- (a) a day that is no more than three months after the public holiday; or
- (b) if the employee and the employer agree, a day that is no more than 12 months after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 28 (3).

Where certain work not performed

(4) The employee's entitlement under subsection (2) is subject to the following rules:

- 1. If the employee, without reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she was required to perform on the public holiday, the employee has no

entitlement under subsection (2).

2. If the employee, with reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she was required to perform on the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or public holiday pay for the public holiday under clause (2) (b), as the employer chooses. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employee has no entitlement under subsection (2).

3. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she was required to perform on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to perform all of it, he or she is entitled to premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

4. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she was required to perform on the public holiday but fails, with reasonable cause, to perform all of it, the employer shall give the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or public holiday pay for the public holiday plus premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday under clause (2) (b), as the employer chooses. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

5. If the employee performs all of the work that he or she was required to perform on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 28 (4); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (14).

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Public holiday not ordinarily a working day

29 (1) If a public holiday falls on a day that would not ordinarily be a working day for an employee or a day on which the employee is on vacation, the employer shall substitute another day that would ordinarily be a working day for the employee to take off work and for which he or she shall be paid public holiday pay as if the substitute day were a public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 29 (1).

Substitute day of holiday

(1.1) If a day is substituted for a public holiday under subsection (1), the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement, before the public holiday, that sets out,

- (a) the public holiday that is being substituted;
- (b) the date of the day that is substituted for a public holiday under subsection (1); and
- (c) the date on which the statement is provided to the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Restriction

(2) A day that is substituted for a public holiday under subsection (1) shall be,

- (a) a day that is no more than three months after the public holiday; or
- (b) if the employee and the employer agree, a day that is no more than 12 months after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 29 (2).

Employee on leave or lay-off

(2.1) If a public holiday falls on a day that would not ordinarily be a working day for an employee and the employee is on a leave of absence under section 46 or 48 or on a layoff on that day, the employee is entitled to public holiday pay for the day but has no other entitlement under this Part with respect to the public holiday. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (15).

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, subsection 29 (2.1) of the Act is amended by striking out “46 or 48” and substituting “46, 47.1 or 48”. (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 2)

Layoff resulting in termination

(2.2) Subsection (2.1) does not apply to an employee if his or her employment has been terminated under clause 56 (1) (c) and the public holiday falls on or after the day on which the lay-off first exceeded the period of a temporary lay-off. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (15).

Agreement re: public holiday pay

(3) An employer and an employee may agree that, instead of complying with subsection (1), the employer shall pay the employee public holiday pay for the public holiday, and if they do subsection (1) does not apply to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 29 (3).

Exception

(4) The employee has no entitlement under subsection (1), (2.1) or (3) if he or she fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 29 (4); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (16).

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Agreement to work where not ordinarily a working day

30 (1) An employee and employer may agree that the employee will work on a public holiday that falls on a day that would not ordinarily be a working day for that employee or on a day on which the employee is on vacation, and if they do, section 29 does not apply to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 30 (1).

Employee's entitlement

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if an employer and an employee make an agreement under subsection (1),

(a) the employer shall pay to the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and substitute another day that would ordinarily be a working day for the employee to take off work and for which he or she shall be paid public holiday pay as if the substitute day were a public holiday; or

(b) if the employer and employee agree, the employer shall pay the employee

public holiday pay for the day plus premium pay for each hour worked. 2000, c. 41, s. 30 (2).

Substitute day of holiday

(2.1) If a day is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a), the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement, before the public holiday, that sets out,

- (a) the public holiday on which the employee will work;
- (b) the date of the day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a); and
- (c) the date on which the statement is provided to the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 20.

Restriction

(3) A day that is substituted for a public holiday under clause (2) (a) shall be,

- (a) a day that is no more than three months after the public holiday; or
- (b) if the employee and the employer agree, a day that is no more than 12 months after the public holiday. 2000, c. 41, s. 30 (3).

Where certain work not performed

(4) The employee's entitlement under subsection (2) is subject to the following rules:

1. If the employee, without reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday, the employee has no entitlement under subsection (2).
2. If the employee, with reasonable cause, performs none of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or, if an agreement was made under clause (2) (b), public holiday pay for the public holiday. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employee has no entitlement under subsection (2).
3. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she agreed to perform

on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to perform all of it, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

4. If the employee performs some of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday but fails, with reasonable cause, to perform all of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee wages at his or her regular rate for the hours worked on the public holiday and a substitute day off work in accordance with clause (2) (a) or, if an agreement was made under clause (2) (b), public holiday pay for the public holiday plus premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday. However, if the employee also fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before the public holiday or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2).

5. If the employee performs all of the work that he or she agreed to perform on the public holiday but fails, without reasonable cause, to work all of his or her last regularly scheduled day of work before or all of his or her first regularly scheduled day of work after the public holiday, the employer shall give the employee premium pay for each hour worked on the public holiday but the employee has no other entitlement under subsection (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 30 (4); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (17).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Premium pay hours not overtime hours

31 If an employee receives premium pay for working on a public holiday, the hours worked shall not be taken into consideration in calculating overtime pay to which the employee may be entitled. 2000, c. 41, s. 31.

If employment ends

32 If the employment of an employee ends before a day that has been substituted for a public holiday under this Part, the employer shall pay the employee public holiday pay for that day in accordance with subsection 11 (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 32.

PART XI

VACATION WITH PAY

Right to vacation

33 (1) An employer shall give an employee a vacation of,

- (a) at least two weeks after each vacation entitlement year that the employee completes, if the employee's period of employment is less than five years; or
- (b) at least three weeks after each vacation entitlement year that the employee completes, if the employee's period of employment is five years or more. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Active and inactive employment

(2) Both active employment and inactive employment shall be included for the purposes of subsection (1). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Where vacation not taken in complete weeks

(3) If an employee does not take vacation in complete weeks, the employer shall base the number of days of vacation that the employee is entitled to,

- (a) on the number of days in the employee's regular work week; or
- (b) if the employee does not have a regular work week, on the average number of days the employee worked per week during the most recently completed vacation entitlement year. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Transition

(4) Clause (1) (b) requires employers to provide employees with a period of employment of at least five years or more with at least three weeks of vacation after each vacation entitlement year that ends on or after December 31, 2017 but does not require them to provide additional vacation days in respect of vacation entitlement years that ended before that time. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Alternative vacation entitlement year

Application

34 (1) This section applies if the employer establishes an alternative vacation entitlement year for an employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Vacation for stub period, less than five years of employment

(2) If the employee's period of employment is less than five years, the employer shall do the following with respect to the stub period:

1. The employer shall calculate the ratio between the stub period and 12 months.
2. If the employee has a regular work week, the employer shall give the employee a vacation for the stub period that is equal to two weeks multiplied by the ratio calculated under paragraph 1.
3. If the employee does not have a regular work week, the employer shall give the employee a vacation for the stub period that is equal to,

$$2 \times A \times \text{the ratio calculated under paragraph 1}$$

where,

A = the average number of days the employee worked per work week in the stub period.

2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Vacation for stub period, five years or more of employment

(3) If the employee's period of employment is five years or more, the employer shall do the following with respect to the stub period:

1. The employer shall calculate the ratio between the stub period and 12 months.
2. If the employee has a regular work week, the employer shall give the employee a vacation for the stub period that is equal to three weeks multiplied by the ratio calculated under paragraph 1.
3. If the employee does not have a regular work week, the employer shall give the employee a vacation for the stub period that is equal to,

$$3 \times A \times \text{the ratio calculated under paragraph 1}$$

where,

A = the average number of days the employee worked per work week in the

stub period.

2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Active and inactive employment

(4) Both active employment and inactive employment shall be included for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

Transition

(5) Subsection (3) requires employers to provide employees with a period of employment of at least five years or more with vacation calculated in accordance with that subsection for any stub period that ends on or after December 31, 2017 but does not require them to provide additional vacation days in respect of a stub period that ended before that time. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Timing of vacation

35 The employer shall determine when an employee shall take vacation for a vacation entitlement year, subject to the following rules:

1. The vacation must be completed no later than 10 months after the end of the vacation entitlement year for which it is given.
 2. If the employee's period of employment is less than five years, the vacation must be a two-week period or two periods of one week each, unless the employee requests in writing that the vacation be taken in shorter periods and the employer agrees to that request.
 3. If the employee's period of employment is five years or more, the vacation must be a three-week period or a two-week period and a one-week period or three periods of one week each, unless the employee requests in writing that the vacation be taken in shorter periods and the employer agrees to that request.
- 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 21.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Timing of vacation, alternative vacation entitlement year

35.1 (1) This section applies if an employer establishes an alternative vacation entitlement year for an employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 22.

Same

(2) The employer shall determine when the employee shall take his or her vacation for the stub period, subject to the following rules:

1. The vacation shall be completed no later than 10 months after the start of the first alternative vacation entitlement year.
2. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, if the vacation entitlement is equal to two or more days, the vacation shall be taken in a period of consecutive days.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, if the vacation entitlement is equal to more than five days, at least five vacation days shall be taken in a period of consecutive days and the remaining vacation days may be taken in a separate period of consecutive days.
4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 do not apply if the employee requests in writing that the vacation be taken in shorter periods and the employer agrees to that request. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Vacation pay

35.2 An employer shall pay vacation pay to an employee who is entitled to vacation under section 33 or 34, equal to at least,

- (a) 4 per cent of the wages, excluding vacation pay, that the employee earned during the period for which the vacation is given, if the employee's period of employment is less than five years; or
- (b) 6 per cent of the wages, excluding vacation pay, that the employee earned during the period for which the vacation is given, if the employee's period of employment is five years or more. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 23.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

When to pay vacation pay

36 (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the employer shall pay vacation pay to the employee in a lump sum before the employee commences his or her vacation. 2000, c. 41, s. 36 (1); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (5).

Same

(2) If the employer pays the employee his or her wages in accordance with subsection 11 (4) or the employee does not take his or her vacation in complete weeks, the employer may pay the employee his or her vacation pay on or before the pay day for the period in which the vacation falls. 2000, c. 41, s. 36 (2).

Same

(3) The employer may pay the employee vacation pay that accrues during a pay period on the pay day for that period if the employee has made an agreement with the employer that it may be paid in that manner and,

(a) the statement of wages provided for that period under subsection 12 (1) sets out, in addition to the information required by that subsection, the amount of vacation pay that is being paid separately from the amount of other wages that is being paid; or

(b) a separate statement setting out the amount of vacation pay that is being paid is provided to the employee at the same time that the statement of wages is provided under subsection 12 (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 36 (3); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (6); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (19, 20); 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 8 (1).

Same

(4) The employer may pay the employee vacation pay at a time set out in an agreement that the employee has made with the employer. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 8 (2).

✓ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Payment during labour dispute

37 (1) If the employer has scheduled vacation for an employee and subsequently the employee goes on strike or is locked out during a time for which the vacation had been

scheduled, the employer shall pay to the employee the vacation pay that would have been paid to him or her with respect to that vacation. 2000, c. 41, s. 37 (1).

Cancellation

(2) Subsection (1) applies despite any purported cancellation of the vacation. 2000, c. 41, s. 37 (2).

If employment ends

38 If an employee's employment ends at a time when vacation pay has accrued with respect to the employee, the employer shall pay the vacation pay that has accrued to the employee in accordance with subsection 11 (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 38.

Multi-employer plans

39 Sections 36, 37 and 38 do not apply with respect to an employee and his or her employer if,

- (a) the employee is represented by a trade union; and
- (b) the employer makes contributions for vacation pay to the trustees of a multi-employer vacation benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 39; 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (8).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Vacation pay in trust

40 (1) Every employer shall be deemed to hold vacation pay accruing due to an employee in trust for the employee whether or not the employer has kept the amount for it separate and apart. 2000, c. 41, s. 40 (1).

Same

(2) An amount equal to vacation pay becomes a lien and charge upon the assets of the employer that in the ordinary course of business would be entered in books of account, even if it is not entered in the books of account. 2000, c. 41, s. 40 (2).

Approval to forego vacation

41 (1) If the Director approves and an employee's employer agrees, an employee may be allowed to forego taking vacation to which he or she is entitled under this part.

2000, c. 41, s. 41 (1).

Vacation pay

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) allows the employer to forego paying vacation pay. 2000, c. 41, s. 41 (2).

Vacation statements

41.1 (1) An employee is entitled to receive the following statements on making a written request:

1. After the end of a vacation entitlement year, a statement in writing that sets out the information contained in the record the employer is required to keep under subsection 15.1 (2).
2. After the end of a stub period, a statement in writing that sets out the information contained in the record the employer is required to keep under subsection 15.1 (3). 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

When statement to be provided

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the statement shall be provided to the employee not later than the later of,

- (a) seven days after the employee makes his or her request; and
- (b) the first pay day after the employee makes his or her request. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

Same

(3) If the request is made during the vacation entitlement year or stub period to which it relates, the statement shall be provided to the employee not later than the later of,

- (a) seven days after the start of the next vacation entitlement year or the first vacation entitlement year, as the case may be; and
- (b) the first pay day of the next vacation entitlement year or of the first vacation entitlement year, as the case may be. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

Restriction re frequency

(4) The employer is not required to provide a statement to an employee more than

once with respect to a vacation entitlement year or stub period. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

Exception

(5) This section does not apply with respect to an employee whose employer pays vacation pay in accordance with subsection 36 (3). 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

(6) REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 24.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XI.1

WRITTEN POLICY ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Written policy on electronic monitoring

41.1.1 (1) An employer that, on January 1 of any year, employs 25 or more employees shall, before March 1 of that year, ensure it has a written policy in place for all employees with respect to electronic monitoring of employees. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Required information

(2) The written policy with respect to electronic monitoring must contain the following information:

1. Whether the employer electronically monitors employees and if so,
 - i. a description of how and in what circumstances the employer may electronically monitor employees, and
 - ii. the purposes for which information obtained through electronic monitoring may be used by the employer.
2. The date the policy was prepared and the date any changes were made to the policy.
3. Such other information as may be prescribed. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Copy of policy

(3) An employer that is required under this section to have a written policy with respect

to electronic monitoring shall provide a copy of the policy to each of the employer's employees within 30 days from the day the employer is required to have the policy in place or, if an existing policy is changed, within 30 days of the changes being made. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Same, new employee

(4) An employer that is required under this section to have a written policy with respect to electronic monitoring shall provide a copy of the policy to a new employee within 30 days of the day the employee becomes an employee of the employer or within 30 days from the day the employer is required to have the policy in place, whichever is later. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Same, assignment employee

(5) An employer that is a client of a temporary help agency, and that is required under this section to have a written policy with respect to electronic monitoring shall provide an assignment employee assigned to perform work for the employer with a copy of the policy within 24 hours of the start of the assignment or within 30 days from the day the employer is required to have the policy in place, whichever is later. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Complaints

(6) A complaint under subsection 96 (1) alleging a contravention of this section may be made only with respect to subsections (3), (4) and (5) and, for greater certainty, a person may not file a complaint alleging a contravention of any other provision of this section or have such a complaint investigated. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Use of information

(7) For greater certainty, nothing in this section affects or limits an employer's ability to use information obtained through electronic monitoring of its employees. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Transition

(8) Despite subsection (1), an employer shall,

(a) have until the date that is six months after the day the *Working for Workers Act*,

2022 receives Royal Assent instead of March 1 to comply with the requirements of subsection (1); and

(b) determine whether it employs 25 employees or more as of the January 1 immediately preceding the date described in clause (a). 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XII

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

Interpretation

41.2 In this Part,

“substantially the same” means substantially the same but not necessarily identical. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 25.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Equal pay for equal work

42 (1) No employer shall pay an employee of one sex at a rate of pay less than the rate paid to an employee of the other sex when,

- (a) they perform substantially the same kind of work in the same establishment;
- (b) their performance requires substantially the same skill, effort and responsibility; and
- (c) their work is performed under similar working conditions. 2000, c. 41, s. 42 (1).

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply when the difference in the rate of pay is made on the basis of,

- (a) a seniority system;
- (b) a merit system;
- (c) a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; or

(d) any other factor other than sex. 2000, c. 41, s. 42 (2); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 26 (1); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1).

Reduction prohibited

(3) No employer shall reduce the rate of pay of an employee in order to comply with subsection (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 42 (3).

Organizations

(4) No trade union or other organization shall cause or attempt to cause an employer to contravene subsection (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 42 (4); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 26 (2).

Deemed wages

(5) If an employment standards officer finds that an employer has contravened subsection (1), the officer may determine the amount owing to an employee as a result of the contravention and that amount shall be deemed to be unpaid wages for that employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 42 (5).

(6) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 8 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

42.1 REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 9.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

42.2 REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

42.3 REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 11.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XIII BENEFIT PLANS

Definition

43 In this Part,

“employer” means an employer as defined in subsection 1 (1), and includes a group or number of unaffiliated employers or an association of employers acting for an employer in relation to a pension plan, a life insurance plan, a disability insurance plan, a disability benefit plan, a health insurance plan or a health benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 43.

Differentiation prohibited

44 (1) Except as prescribed, no employer or person acting directly on behalf of an employer shall provide, offer or arrange for a benefit plan that treats any of the following persons differently because of the age, sex or marital status of employees:

1. Employees.
2. Beneficiaries.
3. Survivors.
4. Dependants. 2000, c. 41, s. 44 (1); 2004, c. 15, s. 1.

Causing contravention prohibited

(2) No organization of employers or employees and no person acting directly on behalf of such an organization shall, directly or indirectly, cause or attempt to cause an employer to contravene subsection (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 44 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XIV LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Definitions

45 In this Part,

“parent” includes a person with whom a child is placed for adoption and a person who is in a relationship of some permanence with a parent of a child and who intends to treat the child as his or her own, and “child” has a corresponding meaning; (“parent”)

“spouse” means,

- (a) a spouse as defined in section 1 of the *Family Law Act*, or
- (b) either of two persons who live together in a conjugal relationship outside marriage. ("conjoint") 2000, c. 41, s. 45; 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (9); 2004, c. 15, s. 2; 2005, c. 5, s. 23; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (1, 2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PREGNANCY LEAVE

Pregnancy leave

46 (1) A pregnant employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay unless her due date falls fewer than 13 weeks after she commenced employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (1).

When leave may begin

- (2) An employee may begin her pregnancy leave no earlier than the earlier of,
- (a) the day that is 17 weeks before her due date; and
 - (b) the day on which she gives birth. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (2).

Exception

(3) Clause (2) (b) does not apply with respect to a pregnancy that ends with a still-birth or miscarriage. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (3).

Latest day for beginning pregnancy leave

- (3.1) An employee may begin her pregnancy leave no later than the earlier of,
- (a) her due date; and
 - (b) the day on which she gives birth. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (10).

Notice

- (4) An employee wishing to take pregnancy leave shall give the employer,
- (a) written notice at least two weeks before the day the leave is to begin; and
 - (b) if the employer requests it, a certificate from a legally qualified medical practitioner stating the due date. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (4).

Notice to change date

- (5) An employee who has given notice to begin pregnancy leave may begin the leave,
- (a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before that earlier day; or
 - (b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before the day set out in the original notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (5).

Same, complication, etc.

- (6) If an employee stops working because of a complication caused by her pregnancy or because of a birth, still-birth or miscarriage that occurs earlier than the due date, subsection (4) does not apply and the employee shall, within two weeks after stopping work, give the employer,
- (a) written notice of the day the pregnancy leave began or is to begin; and
 - (b) if the employer requests it, a certificate from a legally qualified medical practitioner stating,
 - (i) in the case of an employee who stops working because of a complication caused by her pregnancy, that she is unable to perform the duties of her position because of the complication and stating her due date,
 - (ii) in any other case, the due date and the actual date of the birth, still-birth or miscarriage. 2000, c. 41, s. 46 (6).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Definition

46.1 In section 46,

“legally qualified medical practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practice as a physician,
- (b) a person who is qualified to practice as a midwife,
- (c) a registered nurse who holds an extended certificate of registration under the *Nursing Act, 1991*, or

(d) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of medical practitioners. (“médecin dûment qualifié”) 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 30.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

End of pregnancy leave

47 (1) An employee’s pregnancy leave ends,

- (a) if she is entitled to parental leave, 17 weeks after the pregnancy leave began;
- (b) if she is not entitled to parental leave, on the day that is the later of,
 - (i) 17 weeks after the pregnancy leave began, and
 - (ii) 12 weeks after the birth, still-birth or miscarriage. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (1); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 31 (1).

Transition

(1.1) Despite clause (1) (b), if an employee who is not entitled to parental leave began her pregnancy leave before January 1, 2018, her pregnancy leave ends on the day that is the later of,

- (a) 17 weeks after the pregnancy leave began; and
- (b) six weeks after the birth, still-birth or miscarriage. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 31 (2).

Ending leave early

(2) An employee may end her leave earlier than the day set out in subsection (1) by giving her employer written notice at least four weeks before the day she wishes to end her leave. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (2).

Changing end date

(3) An employee who has given notice under subsection (2) to end her pregnancy leave may end the leave,

- (a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the earlier day; or
- (b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the

employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the day indicated in the original notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (3).

Employee not returning

(4) An employee who takes pregnancy leave shall not terminate her employment before the leave expires or when it expires without giving the employer at least four weeks' written notice of the termination. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (4).

Exception

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply if the employer constructively dismisses the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, the Act is amended by adding the following section: (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3)

PLACEMENT OF A CHILD LEAVE

Placement of a child leave

47.1 (1) In this section,

“placement” means,

- (a) the placement of a child into an employee's custody, care and control for the first time for the purposes of adoption,
- (b) the arrival of a child into an employee's custody, care and control for the first time where the person who gave birth to the child is a surrogate, or
- (c) the occurrence of any other prescribed event or prescribed circumstances. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least 13 weeks is entitled to a leave of absence without pay because of a placement. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Total amount of leave

(3) The total amount of leave that may be taken by an employee under this section in

respect of a child is 16 weeks. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Same

(4) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of the same child is 16 weeks. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

More than one placement

(5) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of the placement of the same two or more children is 16 weeks if,

- (a) the placements occur on the same day; or
- (b) the placements occur during a prescribed period or in the prescribed circumstances. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Single period

(6) An employee may take a leave under this section only in a single period. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

When leave may begin

- (7) An employee may begin a leave under this section no earlier than the earlier of,
- (a) the day that is six weeks before the expected date of the placement; and
 - (b) the day the placement occurs. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

When leave ends

(8) A leave under this section ends no later than 17 weeks after the day the placement occurs. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

If placement will not occur

(9) If, during a leave under this section, the employee is informed that the placement will not occur, the leave continues for 14 days after the day on which the employee is so informed or, if the employer and employee agree, for fewer days. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Notice re beginning and end of leave

(10) An employee wishing to take a leave under this section shall give the employer written notice of the days on which the employee intends to begin and end the leave at least two weeks before the day the leave is to begin. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Notice to change date

(11) An employee who has given notice to begin a leave under this section may begin the leave,

- (a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before that earlier day; or
- (b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before that later day. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

If placement earlier than expected

(12) If an employee stops working because a placement occurs earlier than expected,

- (a) the employee's leave under this section begins on the day the employee stops working; and
- (b) the employee must give the employer written notice that the employee is taking a leave under this section within two weeks after stopping work. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Changing end date

(13) An employee may end a leave under this section,

- (a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the earlier day; or
- (b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the day indicated in the original notice. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Evidence

(14) An employer may require an employee who takes a leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances of the employee's entitlement to the leave. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

Employee not returning

(15) An employee who takes a leave under this section shall not terminate the employee's employment before the leave expires or when it expires without giving the employer at least four weeks written notice of the termination. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s.

3.

Exception

(16) Subsection (15) does not apply if the employer constructively dismisses the employee. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 3.

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PARENTAL LEAVE

Parental leave

48 (1) An employee who has been employed by his or her employer for at least 13 weeks and who is the parent of a child is entitled to a leave of absence without pay following the birth of the child or the coming of the child into the employee's custody, care and control for the first time. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (1); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (3).

When leave may begin

(2) An employee may begin parental leave no later than 78 weeks after the day the child is born or comes into the employee's custody, care and control for the first time. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (2); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 32 (1).

Transition

(2.1) Despite subsection (2), an employee may begin parental leave no later than 52 weeks after the day the child is born or comes into the employee's custody, care and control for the first time if that day was before the day subsection 32 (2) of Schedule 1 to the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* came into force. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 32 (2).

Restriction if pregnancy leave taken

(3) An employee who has taken pregnancy leave must begin her parental leave when her pregnancy leave ends unless the child has not yet come into her custody, care and control for the first time. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (3).

Notice

(4) Subject to subsection (6), an employee wishing to take parental leave shall give the

employer written notice at least two weeks before the day the leave is to begin. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (4).

Notice to change date

- (5) An employee who has given notice to begin parental leave may begin the leave,
- (a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before that earlier day; or
 - (b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least two weeks before the day set out in the original notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (5).

If child earlier than expected

- (6) If an employee stops working because a child comes into the employee's custody, care and control for the first time earlier than expected,
- (a) the employee's parental leave begins on the day he or she stops working; and
 - (b) the employee must give the employer written notice that he or she is taking parental leave within two weeks after stopping work. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (6).

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End of parental leave

49 (1) An employee's parental leave ends 61 weeks after it began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave and 63 weeks after it began, otherwise. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (1); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 33 (1).

Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, subsection 49 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted: (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 4)

End of parental leave

- (1) An employee's parental leave ends,
- (a) 61 weeks after it began if the employee also took pregnancy leave;
 - (b) 62 weeks after it began if the employee also took placement of a child leave; or

(c) 63 weeks after it began, otherwise. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 4.

Transition

(1.1) Despite subsection (1), if the child in respect of whom the employee takes parental leave was born or came into the employee's custody, care and control for the first time before the day subsection 33 (2) of Schedule 1 to the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* came into force, the employee's parental leave ends,

(a) 35 weeks after it began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave; and

(b) 37 weeks after it began, otherwise. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 33 (2).

Ending leave early

(2) An employee may end his or her parental leave earlier than the day set out in subsection (1) by giving the employer written notice at least four weeks before the day he or she wishes to end the leave. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (2).

Changing end date

(3) An employee who has given notice to end his or her parental leave may end the leave,

(a) on an earlier day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the earlier day; or

(b) on a later day than was set out in the notice, if the employee gives the employer a new written notice at least four weeks before the day indicated in the original notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (3).

Employee not returning

(4) An employee who takes parental leave shall not terminate his or her employment before the leave expires or when it expires without giving the employer at least four weeks' written notice of the termination. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (4).

Exception

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply if the employer constructively dismisses the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (5).

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FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Family medical leave

49.1 (1) In this section,

“qualified health practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the individual described in subsection (3),
- (b) a registered nurse who holds an extended certificate of registration under the *Nursing Act, 1991* or an individual who has an equivalent qualification under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the individual described in subsection (3), or
- (c) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners; (“praticien de la santé qualifié”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2004, c. 15, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (1).

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to 28 weeks to provide care or support to an individual described in subsection (3) if a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate stating that the individual has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death occurring within a period of 26 weeks or such shorter period as may be prescribed. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (2).

Application of subs. (2)

(3) Subsection (2) applies in respect of the following individuals:

1. The employee’s spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee’s spouse.

4. A child who is under legal guardianship of the employee or the employee's spouse.
5. A brother, step-brother, sister or step-sister of the employee.
6. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or the employee's spouse.
7. A brother-in-law, step-brother-in-law, sister-in-law or step-sister-in-law of the employee.
8. A son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the employee or the employee's spouse.
9. An uncle or aunt of the employee or the employee's spouse.
10. A nephew or niece of the employee or the employee's spouse.
11. The spouse of the employee's grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
12. A person who considers the employee to be like a family member, provided the prescribed conditions, if any, are met.
13. Any individual prescribed as a family member for the purposes of this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (2); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (4).

Earliest date leave can begin

(4) The employee may begin a leave under this section no earlier than the first day of the week in which the period referred to in subsection (2) begins. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

Latest date employee can remain on leave

(5) The employee may not remain on a leave under this section after the earlier of the following dates:

1. The last day of the week in which the individual described in subsection (3) dies.
2. The last day of the 52-week period starting on the first day of the week in which the period referred to in subsection (2) begins. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (3).

Same

(5.1) For greater certainty, but subject to subsection (5), if the amount of leave that has

been taken is less than 28 weeks it is not necessary for a qualified health practitioner to issue an additional certificate under subsection (2) in order for leave to be taken under this section after the end of the period referred to in subsection (2). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (3).

Two or more employees

(6) If two or more employees take leaves under this section in respect of a particular individual, the total of the leaves taken by all the employees shall not exceed 28 weeks during the 52-week period referred to in paragraph 2 of subsection (5) that applies to the first certificate issued for the purpose of this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (3).

Full-week periods

(7) An employee may take a leave under this section only in periods of entire weeks. 2004, c. 15, s. 3; 2014, c. 6, s. 2 (1).

Advising employer

(8) An employee who wishes to take leave under this section shall advise his or her employer in writing that he or she will be doing so. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

Same

(9) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

Copy of certificate

(10) If requested by the employer, the employee shall provide the employer with a copy of the certificate referred to in subsection (2) as soon as possible. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

Further leave

(11) If an employee takes a leave under this section and the individual referred to in subsection (3) does not die within the 52-week period referred to in paragraph 2 of subsection (5), the employee may, in accordance with this section, take another leave and, for that purpose, the reference in subsection (6) to “the first certificate” shall be deemed to be a reference to the first certificate issued after the end of that period.

2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (4).

(12) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 12.

Transition

(13) If a certificate described in subsection (2) was issued before January 1, 2018, then this section, as it read immediately before January 1, 2018, applies. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 34 (4).

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ORGAN DONOR LEAVE

Organ donor leave

Definitions

49.2 (1) In this section,

“legally qualified medical practitioner” means,

- (a) in the case of surgery for the purpose of organ donation that takes place in Ontario, a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and
- (b) in the case of surgery for the purpose of organ donation that takes place outside Ontario, a person who is qualified to practise medicine under the laws of that jurisdiction; (“médecin dûment qualifié”)

“organ” means kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, small bowel or any other organ that is prescribed for the purpose of this section; (“organe”)

“organ donation” means the donation of all or part of an organ to a person; (“don d’organe”)

“prescribed” means prescribed by a regulation made under this section. (“prescrit”)
2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Application to prescribed tissue

(2) References to organs in this section also apply to tissue that is prescribed for the purpose of this section. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Entitlement to leave

(3) An employee who has been employed by his or her employer for at least 13 weeks and undergoes surgery for the purpose of organ donation is entitled to a leave of absence without pay. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Certificate

(4) The employer may require an employee who takes leave under this section to provide a certificate issued by a legally qualified medical practitioner confirming that the employee has undergone or will undergo surgery for the purpose of organ donation. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Length of leave

(5) The employee is entitled to take leave for the prescribed period or, if no period is prescribed, for up to 13 weeks. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Extended leave

(6) When the leave described in subsection (5) ends, if a legally qualified medical practitioner issues a certificate stating that the employee is not yet able to perform the duties of his or her position because of the organ donation and will not be able to do so for a specified time, the employee is entitled to extend the leave for the specified time, subject to subsection (7). 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Same

(7) The leave may be extended more than once, but the total extension period shall not exceed 13 weeks. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

When leave begins

(8) The employee may begin a leave described in subsection (5) on the day that he or she undergoes surgery for the purpose of organ donation, or on the earlier day specified in a certificate issued by a legally qualified medical practitioner. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

When leave ends

(9) Subject to subsections (10) and (11), a leave under this section ends when the prescribed period has expired or, if no period is prescribed, 13 weeks after the leave began. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Same

(10) If the employee extends the leave in accordance with subsection (6), the leave ends on the earlier of,

- (a) the day specified in the most recent certificate under subsection (6); or
- (b) the day that is,
 - (i) if no period is prescribed for the purposes of subsection (5), 26 weeks after the leave began, or
 - (ii) if a period is prescribed for the purposes of subsection (5), 13 weeks after the end of the prescribed period. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Ending leave early

(11) The employee may end the leave earlier than provided in subsection (9) or (10) by giving the employer written notice at least two weeks before the day the employee wishes to end the leave. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Advising employer

(12) An employee who wishes to take leave under this section or to extend a leave under this section shall give the employer written notice, at least two weeks before beginning or extending the leave, if possible. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Same

(13) If the employee must begin or extend the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the matter in writing as soon as possible after beginning or extending the leave. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

Duty to provide certificate

(14) When the employer requires a certificate under subsection (4), (6) or (8), the employee shall provide it as soon as possible. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

(15) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 13.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

FAMILY CAREGIVER LEAVE

Family caregiver leave

Definitions

49.3 (1) In this section,

“qualified health practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician, a registered nurse or a psychologist under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the individual described in subsection (5), or
- (b) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners; (“praticien de la santé qualifié”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay to provide care or support to an individual described in subsection (5) if a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate stating that the individual has a serious medical condition. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Serious medical condition

(3) For greater certainty, a serious medical condition referred to in subsection (2) may include a condition that is chronic or episodic. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Same

(4) An employee is entitled to take up to eight weeks leave under this section for each individual described in subsection (5) in each calendar year. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Application of subs. (2)

(5) Subsection (2) applies in respect of the following individuals:

1. The employee’s spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee’s spouse.

4. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or the employee's spouse.
5. The spouse of a child of the employee.
6. The employee's brother or sister.
7. A relative of the employee who is dependent on the employee for care or assistance.
8. Any individual prescribed as a family member for the purpose of this section. 2014, c. 6, s. 3; 2016, c. 23, s. 46; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (5).

Advising employer

(6) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise his or her employer in writing that he or she will be doing so. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Same

(7) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire weeks

(7.1) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under subsection (4), if an employee takes any part of a week as leave, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one week of leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 35 (1).

Copy of certificate

(8) If requested by the employer, the employee shall provide the employer with a copy of the certificate referred to in subsection (2) as soon as possible. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

(9) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 14.

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CRITICAL ILLNESS LEAVE

Critical illness leave

Definitions

49.4 (1) In this section,

“adult” means an individual who is 18 years or older; (“adulte”)

“critically ill”, with respect to a minor child or adult, means a minor child or adult whose baseline state of health has significantly changed and whose life is at risk as a result of an illness or injury; (“gravement malade”)

“family member”, with respect to an employee, means the following:

1. The employee’s spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
4. A child who is under legal guardianship of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
5. A brother, step-brother, sister or step-sister of the employee.
6. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
7. A brother-in-law, step-brother-in-law, sister-in-law or step-sister-in-law of the employee.
8. A son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
9. An uncle or aunt of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
10. A nephew or niece of the employee or the employee’s spouse.
11. The spouse of the employee’s grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
12. A person who considers the employee to be like a family member, provided the prescribed conditions, if any, are met.
13. Any individual prescribed as a family member for the purpose of this definition; (“membre de la famille”)

“minor child” means an individual who is under 18 years of age; (“enfant mineur”)

“qualified health practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician, a registered nurse or a

psychologist under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the individual described in subsection (2) or (5), or

(b) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners; (“praticien de la santé qualifié”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (4).

Entitlement to leave — critically ill minor child

(2) An employee who has been employed by his or her employer for at least six consecutive months is entitled to a leave of absence without pay to provide care or support to a critically ill minor child who is a family member of the employee if a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate that,

(a) states that the minor child is a critically ill minor child who requires the care or support of one or more family members; and

(b) sets out the period during which the minor child requires the care or support. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an employee is entitled to take up to 37 weeks of leave under this section to provide care or support to a critically ill minor child. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same — period less than 37 weeks

(4) If the certificate described in subsection (2) sets out a period of less than 37 weeks, the employee is entitled to take a leave only for the number of weeks in the period specified in the certificate. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Entitlement to leave — critically ill adult

(5) An employee who has been employed by his or her employer for at least six consecutive months is entitled to a leave of absence without pay to provide care or support to a critically ill adult who is a family member of the employee if a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate that,

(a) states that the adult is a critically ill adult who requires the care or support of

one or more family members; and

(b) sets out the period during which the adult requires the care or support. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same

(6) Subject to subsection (7), an employee is entitled to take up to 17 weeks of leave under this section to provide care or support to a critically ill adult. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same — period less than 17 weeks

(7) If the certificate described in subsection (5) sets out a period of less than 17 weeks, the employee is entitled to take a leave only for the number of weeks in the period specified in the certificate. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

When leave must end

(8) Subject to subsection (9), a leave under this section ends no later than the last day of the period specified in the certificate described in subsection (2) or (5). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Limitation period

(9) If the period specified in the certificate described in subsection (2) or (5) is 52 weeks or longer, the leave ends no later than the last day of the 52-week period that begins on the earlier of,

- (a) the first day of the week in which the certificate is issued; and
- (b) the first day of the week in which the minor child or adult in respect of whom the certificate was issued became critically ill. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Death of minor child or adult

(10) If a critically ill minor child or adult dies while an employee is on a leave under this section, the employee's entitlement to be on leave under this section ends on the last day of the week in which the minor child or adult dies. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Total amount of leave — critically ill minor child

(11) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this

section in respect of the same critically ill minor child is 37 weeks. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Total amount of leave — critically ill adult

(12) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of the same critically ill adult is 17 weeks. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Limitation where child turns 18

(13) If an employee takes leave in respect of a critically ill minor child under subsection (2), the employee may not take leave in respect of the same individual under subsection (5) before the 52-week period described in subsection (9) expires. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Further leave — critically ill minor child

(14) If a minor child in respect of whom an employee has taken a leave under this section remains critically ill while the employee is on leave or after the employee returns to work, but before the 52-week period described in subsection (9) expires, the employee is entitled to take an extension of the leave or a new leave if,

- (a) a qualified health practitioner issues an additional certificate described in subsection (2) for the minor child that sets out a different period during which the minor child requires care or support;
- (b) the amount of leave that has been taken and the amount of leave the employee takes under this subsection does not exceed 37 weeks in total; and
- (c) the leave ends no later than the last day of the 52-week period described in subsection (9). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Further leave — critically ill adult

(15) If an adult in respect of whom an employee has taken a leave under this section remains critically ill while the employee is on leave or after the employee returns to work, but before the 52-week period described in subsection (9) expires, the employee is entitled to take an extension of the leave or a new leave if,

- (a) a qualified health practitioner issues an additional certificate described in subsection (5) for the adult that sets out a different period during which the adult requires care or support;

- (b) the amount of leave that has been taken and the amount of leave the employee takes under this subsection does not exceed 17 weeks in total; and
- (c) the leave ends no later than the last day of the 52-week period described in subsection (9). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Additional leaves

(16) If a minor child or adult in respect of whom an employee has taken a leave under this section remains critically ill after the 52-week period described in subsection (9) expires, the employee is entitled to take another leave and the requirements of this section apply to the new leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Advising employer

(17) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise his or her employer in writing that he or she will be doing so and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which he or she will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same

(18) If an employee must begin a leave under this section before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which he or she will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Same — change in employees plan

(19) An employee may take a leave at a time other than that indicated in the plan provided under subsection (17) or (18) if the change to the time of the leave meets the requirements of this section and,

- (a) the employee requests permission from the employer to do so in writing and the employer grants permission in writing; or
- (b) the employee provides the employer with such written notice of the change as is reasonable in the circumstances. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

Copy of certificate

(20) If requested by the employer, the employee shall provide the employer with a

copy of the certificate referred to in subsection (2) or (5) or clause (14) (a) or (15) (a) as soon as possible. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

(21) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 15.

Transition

(22) If a certificate mentioned in subsection (2) or (12), as those subsections read immediately before the day section 36 of Schedule 1 to the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* came into force, was issued before that day, then this section, as it read immediately before that day, applies. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 36.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

CHILD DEATH LEAVE

Child death leave

Definitions

49.5 (1) In this section,

“child” means a child, step-child, foster child or child who is under legal guardianship, and who is under 18 years of age; (“enfant”)

“crime” means an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), other than an offence prescribed by the regulations made under paragraph 209.4 (f) of the *Canada Labour Code* (Canada); (“acte criminel”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least six consecutive months is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to 104 weeks if a child of the employee dies. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Exception

(3) An employee is not entitled to a leave of absence under this section if the employee is charged with a crime in relation to the death of the child or if it is probable,

considering the circumstances, that the child was a party to a crime in relation to his or her death. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Single period

(4) An employee may take a leave under this section only in a single period. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Limitation period

(5) An employee may take a leave under this section only during the 105-week period that begins in the week the child dies. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Total amount of leave

(6) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of a death, or deaths that are the result of the same event, is 104 weeks. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Advising employer

(7) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise the employer in writing and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which the employee will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same

(8) If an employee must begin a leave under this section before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which the employee will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same — change in employee's plan

(9) An employee may take a leave at a time other than that indicated in the plan provided under subsection (7) or (8) if the change to the time of the leave meets the requirements of this section and,

- (a) the employee requests permission from the employer to do so in writing and the employer grants permission in writing; or
- (b) the employee provides the employer with four weeks written notice before

the change is to take place. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Evidence

(10) An employer may require an employee who takes a leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances of the employee's entitlement to the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

(11) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 16.

Transition

(12) If, on December 31, 2017, an employee was on a crime-related child death or disappearance leave under this section, as it read on that date, then the employee's entitlement to the leave continues in accordance with this section as it read on that date. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

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CRIME-RELATED CHILD DISAPPEARANCE LEAVE

Crime-related child disappearance leave

Definitions

49.6 (1) In this section,

“child” means a child, step-child, foster child or child who is under legal guardianship, and who is under 18 years of age; (“enfant”)

“crime” means an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), other than an offence prescribed by the regulations made under paragraph 209.4 (f) of the *Canada Labour Code* (Canada); (“acte criminel”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least six consecutive months is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to 104 weeks if a child of the employee disappears and it is probable, considering the circumstances, that the child

disappeared as a result of a crime. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Transition

(3) Despite subsection (2), if the disappearance occurred before January 1, 2018, the employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay in accordance with section 49.5 as it read on December 31, 2017. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Exception

(4) An employee is not entitled to a leave of absence under this section if the employee is charged with the crime or if it is probable, considering the circumstances, that the child was a party to the crime. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Change in circumstance

(5) If an employee takes a leave of absence under this section and the circumstances that made it probable that the child of the employee disappeared as a result of a crime change and it no longer seems probable that the child disappeared as a result of a crime, the employee's entitlement to leave ends on the day on which it no longer seems probable. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Child found

(6) The following rules apply if an employee takes a leave of absence under this section and the child is found within the 104-week period that begins in the week the child disappears:

1. If the child is found alive, the employee is entitled to remain on leave under this section for 14 days after the child is found.
2. If the child is found dead, the employee's entitlement to be on leave under this section ends at the end of the week in which the child is found. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same

(7) For greater certainty, nothing in paragraph 2 of subsection (6) affects the employee's eligibility for child death leave under section 49.5. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Single period

(8) An employee may take a leave under this section only in a single period. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Limitation period

(9) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (8), an employee may take a leave under this section only during the 105-week period that begins in the week the child disappears. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Total amount of leave

(10) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of a disappearance, or disappearances that are the result of the same event, is 104 weeks. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Advising employer

(11) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise the employer in writing and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which the employee will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same

(12) If an employee must begin a leave under this section before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it and shall provide the employer with a written plan that indicates the weeks in which the employee will take the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same — change in employee's plan

(13) An employee may take a leave at a time other than that indicated in the plan provided under subsection (11) or (12) if the change to the time of the leave meets the requirements of this section and,

- (a) the employee requests permission from the employer to do so in writing and the employer grants permission in writing; or
- (b) the employee provides the employer with four weeks written notice before the change is to take place. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Evidence

(14) An employer may require an employee who takes a leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances of the employee's entitlement to the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

(15) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 17.

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DOMESTIC OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEAVE

Domestic or sexual violence leave

Definitions

49.7 (1) In this section,

“child” means a child, step-child, foster child or child who is under legal guardianship, and who is under 18 years of age; (“enfant”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least 13 consecutive weeks is entitled to a leave of absence if the employee or a child of the employee experiences domestic or sexual violence, or the threat of domestic or sexual violence, and the leave of absence is taken for any of the following purposes:

1. To seek medical attention for the employee or the child of the employee in respect of a physical or psychological injury or disability caused by the domestic or sexual violence.
2. To obtain services from a victim services organization for the employee or the child of the employee.
3. To obtain psychological or other professional counselling for the employee or the child of the employee.
4. To relocate temporarily or permanently.
5. To seek legal or law enforcement assistance, including preparing for or

participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or resulting from the domestic or sexual violence.

6. Such other purposes as may be prescribed. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Exception

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the domestic or sexual violence is committed by the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Length of leave

(4) An employee is entitled to take, in each calendar year,

- (a) up to 10 days of leave under this section; and
- (b) up to 15 weeks of leave under this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Entitlement to paid leave

(5) If an employee takes a leave under this section, the employee is entitled to take the first five such days as paid days of leave in each calendar year and the balance of his or her entitlement under this section as unpaid leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Domestic or sexual violence leave pay

(6) Subject to subsections (7) and (8), if an employee takes a paid day of leave under this section, the employer shall pay the employee,

- (a) either,
 - (i) the wages the employee would have earned had they not taken the leave, or
 - (ii) if the employee receives performance-related wages, including commissions or a piece work rate, the greater of the employee's hourly rate, if any, and the minimum wage that would have applied to the employee for the number of hours the employee would have worked had they not taken the leave; or
- (b) if some other manner of calculation is prescribed, the amount determined using that manner of calculation. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Domestic or sexual violence leave where higher rate of wages

(7) If a paid day of leave under this section falls on a day or at a time of day when overtime pay, a shift premium, or both would be payable by the employer,

(a) the employee is not entitled to more than his or her regular rate for any leave taken under this section; and

(b) the employee is not entitled to the shift premium for any leave taken under this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Domestic or sexual violence leave on public holiday

(8) If a paid day of leave under this section falls on a public holiday, the employee is not entitled to premium pay for any leave taken under this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire days

(9) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under clause (4) (a), if an employee takes any part of a day as leave, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one day of leave on that day. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Advising employer

(10) An employee who wishes to take leave under clause (4) (a) shall advise the employer that the employee will be doing so. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same

(11) If an employee must begin a leave under clause (4) (a) before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire weeks

(12) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under clause (4) (b), if an employee takes any part of a week as leave, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one week of leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Advising employer

(13) An employee who wishes to take a leave under clause (4) (b) shall advise the employer in writing that the employee will be doing so. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Same

(14) If an employee must begin a leave under clause (4) (b) before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Evidence

(15) An employer may require an employee who takes a leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances of the employee's entitlement to the leave. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

(16) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 18.

Confidentiality

(17) An employer shall ensure that mechanisms are in place to protect the confidentiality of records given to or produced by the employer that relate to an employee taking a leave under this section. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

Disclosure permitted

(18) Nothing in subsection (17) prevents an employer from disclosing a record where,

- (a) the employee has consented to the disclosure of the record;
- (b) disclosure is made to an officer, employee, consultant or agent of the employer who needs the record in the performance of their duties;
- (c) the disclosure is authorized or required by law; or
- (d) the disclosure is prescribed as a permitted disclosure. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 38.

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Note: On June 19, 2025, six months after the day the *Working for Workers Six Act, 2024* receives Royal Assent, the Act is amended by adding the following section: (See: 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5)

LONG-TERM ILLNESS LEAVE

Definitions

49.8 (1) In this section,

“qualified health practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician, a registered nurse or a psychologist under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the employee, or
- (b) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners; (“praticien de la santé qualifié”)

“week” means a period of seven consecutive days beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. (“semaine”) 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Entitlement to leave

(2) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least 13 consecutive weeks is entitled to a leave of absence without pay if,

- (a) the employee will not be performing the duties of the employee’s position because of a serious medical condition; and
- (b) a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate that,
 - (i) states that the employee has a serious medical condition, and
 - (ii) sets out the period during which the employee will not be performing the duties of the employee’s position because of the serious medical condition. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Serious medical condition

(3) For greater certainty, a serious medical condition referred to in subsection (2) may include a condition that is chronic or episodic. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Entitlement of 27 weeks

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the total amount of leave that may be taken by an employee under this section is 27 weeks, even if the employee has more than one serious medical condition. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Limit — period less than 27 weeks

(5) If the certificate described in clause (2) (b) sets out a period of less than 27 weeks, the employee is entitled to take a leave only for the number of weeks in the period specified in the certificate. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

When leave ends

(6) Subject to subsection (7), a leave under this section ends no later than the last day of the period specified in the certificate described in clause (2) (b). 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Limitation period

(7) If the period specified in the certificate described in clause (2) (b) is 52 weeks or longer, the leave ends no later than the last day of the 52-week period that begins on the earlier of,

- (a) the first day of the week in which the certificate is issued; and
- (b) the first day of the week in which the employee was not performing the duties of the employee's position because of the serious medical condition. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Further leave

(8) If an employee who has taken a leave under this section continues to have a serious medical condition after the employee returns to work but before the 52-week period described in subsection (7) expires, the employee is entitled to take an extension of the leave or a new leave if,

- (a) a qualified health practitioner issues an additional certificate described in clause (2) (b) that sets out a different period during which the employee will not be performing the duties of the employee's position because of the serious medical condition;
- (b) the amount of leave that has been taken and the amount of leave the employee takes under this subsection does not exceed 27 weeks in total; and
- (c) the leave ends no later than the last day of the 52-week period described in subsection (7). 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Additional leaves

(9) If an employee still has a serious medical condition after the 52-week period described in subsection (7) expires, the employee is entitled to take another leave and the requirements of this section apply to the new leave. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Advising employer

(10) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise the

employee's employer in writing that the employee will be doing so. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Same

(11) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave in writing as soon as possible after beginning it. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire weeks

(12) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under this section, if an employee takes any part of a week as leave under this section, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one week of leave. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

Copy of certificate

(13) If requested by the employer, the employee shall provide the employer with a copy of the certificate referred to in clause (2) (b) as soon as possible. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 5.

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SICK LEAVE

Definition

50 (0.1) In this section,

“qualified health practitioner” means,

- (a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician, a registered nurse or a psychologist under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the employee, or
- (b) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 3 (1).

Sick leave

(1) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least two consecutive weeks is entitled to a leave of absence without pay because of a personal illness, injury or medical emergency. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, limit

(2) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is limited to a total of three days in each calendar year. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Advising employer

(3) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise his or her employer that he or she will be doing so. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same

(4) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire days

(5) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under subsection (1), if an employee takes any part of a day as leave under this section, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one day of leave on that day. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Evidence

(6) Subject to subsection (6.1), an employer may require an employee who takes leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 3 (2).

Same

(6.1) An employer shall not require an employee to provide a certificate from a qualified health practitioner as evidence under subsection (6). 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 3 (2).

Sick leave taken under employment contract

(7) If an employee takes a paid or unpaid leave of absence under an employment contract in circumstances for which he or she would also be entitled to take a leave under this section, the employee is deemed to have taken the leave under this section. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of Act to deemed leave

(8) All applicable requirements and prohibitions under this Act apply to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (7). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of subs. (5) to deemed leave

(9) Subsection (5) applies with necessary modifications to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (7). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

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FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY LEAVE

Family responsibility leave

50.0.1 (1) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least two consecutive weeks is entitled to a leave of absence without pay because of any of the following:

1. The illness, injury or medical emergency of an individual described in subsection (3).
2. An urgent matter that concerns an individual described in subsection (3). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, limit

(2) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is limited to a total of three days in each calendar year. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Family members

(3) Subsection (1) applies with respect to the following individuals:

1. The employee's spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee's spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee's spouse.
4. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or of the employee's spouse.
5. The spouse of a child of the employee.

6. The employee's brother or sister.

7. A relative of the employee who is dependent on the employee for care or assistance. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (5).

Advising employer

(4) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise his or her employer that he or she will be doing so. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same

(5) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire days

(6) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under subsection (1), if an employee takes any part of a day as leave under this section, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one day of leave on that day. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Evidence

(7) An employer may require an employee who takes leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Family responsibility leave taken under employment contract

(8) If an employee takes a paid or unpaid leave of absence under an employment contract in circumstances for which he or she would also be entitled to take a leave under this section, the employee is deemed to have taken the leave under this section. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of Act to deemed leave

(9) All applicable requirements and prohibitions under this Act apply to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (8). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of subs. (6) to deemed leave

(10) Subsection (6) applies with necessary modifications to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (8). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

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BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Bereavement leave

50.0.2 (1) An employee who has been employed by an employer for at least two consecutive weeks is entitled to a leave of absence without pay because of the death of an individual described in subsection (3). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, limit

(2) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is limited to a total of two days in each calendar year. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Family members

(3) Subsection (1) applies with respect to the following individuals:

1. The employee's spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee's spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee's spouse.
4. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or of the employee's spouse.
5. The spouse of a child of the employee.
6. The employee's brother or sister.
7. A relative of the employee who is dependent on the employee for care or assistance. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19; 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (5).

Advising employer

(4) An employee who wishes to take a leave under this section shall advise his or her employer that he or she will be doing so. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same

(5) If the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Leave deemed to be taken in entire days

(6) For the purposes of an employee's entitlement under subsection (1), if an employee takes any part of a day as leave under this section, the employer may deem the employee to have taken one day of leave on that day. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Evidence

(7) An employer may require an employee who takes leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Bereavement leave taken under employment contract

(8) If an employee takes a paid or unpaid leave of absence under an employment contract in circumstances for which he or she would also be entitled to take a leave under this section, the employee is deemed to have taken the leave under this section. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of Act to deemed leave

(9) All applicable requirements and prohibitions under this Act apply to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (8). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

Same, application of subs. (6) to deemed leave

(10) Subsection (6) applies with necessary modifications to a leave deemed to have been taken under subsection (8). 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 19.

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EMERGENCY LEAVE: DECLARED EMERGENCIES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE EMERGENCIES

Emergency leave: declared emergencies and infectious disease emergencies

50.1 (1) In this section,

“board of health” has the same meaning as in the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*; (“conseil de santé”)

“designated infectious disease” means an infectious disease designated by the regulations for the purposes of this section; (“maladie infectieuse désignée”)

“public health official” means,

(a) within the meaning of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*,

(i) the Chief Medical Officer of Health or Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health,

(ii) a medical officer of health or an associate medical officer of health, or

(iii) an employee of a board of health, or

(b) a public health official of the Government of Canada; (“fonctionnaire de la santé publique”)

“qualified health practitioner” means,

(a) a person who is qualified to practise as a physician or nurse under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the employee or an individual described in subsection (8), or

(b) in the prescribed circumstances, a member of a prescribed class of health practitioners. (“praticien de la santé qualifié”) 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (1).

Interpretation, treatment

(1.0.1) For greater certainty, in this section, a reference to treatment related to a designated infectious disease includes receiving a vaccine for the designated infectious disease and recovery from associated side effects. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (1).

Leave of absence without pay

(1.1) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay if the employee will not be performing the duties of his or her position,

(a) because of an emergency declared under section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and,

(i) because of an order that applies to him or her made under section 7.0.2 of

the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*,

(ii) because of an order that applies to him or her made under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*,

(iii) because he or she is needed to provide care or assistance to an individual referred to in subsection (8), or

(iv) because of such other reasons as may be prescribed; or

(b) because of one or more of the following reasons related to a designated infectious disease:

(i) The employee is under individual medical investigation, supervision or treatment related to the designated infectious disease.

(ii) The employee is acting in accordance with an order under section 22 or 35 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* that relates to the designated infectious disease.

(iii) The employee is in quarantine or isolation or is subject to a control measure (which may include, but is not limited to, self-isolation), and the quarantine, isolation or control measure was implemented as a result of information or directions related to the designated infectious disease issued to the public, in whole or in part, or to one or more individuals, by a public health official, a qualified health practitioner, Telehealth Ontario, the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada, a municipal council or a board of health, whether through print, electronic, broadcast or other means.

(iv) The employee is under a direction given by his or her employer in response to a concern of the employer that the employee may expose other individuals in the workplace to the designated infectious disease.

(v) The employee is providing care or support to an individual referred to in subsection (8) because of a matter related to the designated infectious disease that concerns that individual, including, but not limited to, school or day care closures.

(vi) The employee is directly affected by travel restrictions related to the designated infectious disease and, under the circumstances, cannot reasonably be expected to travel back to Ontario.

(vii) Such other reasons as may be prescribed. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (1).

Leave of absence with pay

(1.2) In addition to any entitlement under subsection (1.1), an employee is entitled to a paid leave of absence if the employee will not be performing the duties of the employee's position because of one or more of the following reasons related to a designated infectious disease:

1. The employee is under individual medical investigation, supervision or treatment related to the designated infectious disease.
2. The employee is acting in accordance with an order under section 22 or 35 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* that relates to the designated infectious disease.
3. The employee is in quarantine or isolation or is subject to a control measure (which may include, but is not limited to, self-isolation), and the quarantine, isolation or control measure was implemented as a result of information or directions related to the designated infectious disease issued to the public, in whole or in part, or to one or more individuals, by a public health official, a qualified health practitioner, Telehealth Ontario, the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada, a municipal council or a board of health, whether through print, electronic, broadcast or other means.
4. The employee is under a direction given by his or her employer in response to a concern of the employer that the employee may expose other individuals in the workplace to the designated infectious disease.
5. The employee is providing care or support to an individual referred to in subsection (8) because,
 - i. the individual is under individual medical investigation, supervision or treatment related to the designated infectious disease, or
 - ii. the individual is in quarantine or isolation or is subject to a control measure (which may include, but is not limited to, self-isolation), and the quarantine, isolation or control measure was implemented as a result of information or directions related to the designated infectious disease issued to the public, in whole or in part, or to one or more individuals, by a public health official, a qualified health practitioner, Telehealth Ontario, the Government of Ontario,

the Government of Canada, a municipal council or a board of health, whether through print, electronic, broadcast or other means. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Limit, number of days

(1.3) Subject to subsection (1.4), an employee is entitled to take a total of three paid days of leave under subsection (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Paid leave taken under employment contract

(1.4) If, on April 19, 2021, an employee is entitled to take paid leave under an employment contract in any of the circumstances for which the employee would also be entitled to take a leave under subsection (1.2), the employee's entitlement under subsection (1.3) is reduced by the employee's entitlement under the contract. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Same

(1.5) Subsection (1.4) applies only if the employer is required under the employment contract to pay the employee for the paid leave an amount that is equal to or greater than what the employee would be entitled to under subsection (1.11). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Leave deemed to be taken in entire days

(1.6) If an employee takes any part of a day as paid leave under subsection (1.2), the employer may deem the employee to have taken one paid day of leave on that day for the purposes of subsection (1.3). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Paid days first

(1.7) Subject to subsections (1.8) and (1.9), an employee is entitled to take the three paid days of leave before any of the unpaid days of leave. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Same, election re unpaid days

(1.8) If an employee is entitled to both paid leave and unpaid leave under this section, the employee may elect to take one or more days or parts of a day of leave as unpaid leave only if the employee advises the employer in writing, before the end of the pay period in which the leave occurs, that the employee has elected to take that time as unpaid leave. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Same

(1.9) If, between April 19, 2021 and the day the *COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021* receives Royal Assent, an employee takes unpaid leave under subsection (1.1) in circumstances for which the employee would also be entitled to take a leave under subsection (1.2), the employee may elect to be paid for that leave only if the employee advises the employer in writing before the day that is 14 days after the *COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021* receives Royal Assent, that the employee has elected to take the leave as paid leave, and the employee is deemed to have taken the leave under subsection (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Same

(1.10) Despite subsection 11 (1), if an employee elects to take paid leave under subsection (1.9), the employer shall pay the employee the amount to which the employee is entitled no later than the pay day for the pay period in which the employee made the election. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Paid leave

(1.11) Subject to subsections (1.12) and (1.13), if an employee takes paid leave under subsection (1.2), the employer shall pay the employee the lesser of \$200 per day and,

(a) either,

(i) the wages the employee would have earned had they not taken the leave, or

(ii) if the employee receives performance-related wages, including commissions or a piece work rate, the greater of the employee's hourly rate, if any, and the minimum wage that would have applied to the employee for the number of hours the employee would have worked had they not taken the leave; or

(b) if some other manner of calculation is prescribed, the amount determined using that manner of calculation. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Paid leave where higher rate of wages

(1.12) If a paid day of leave under subsection (1.2) falls on a day or at a time of day when overtime pay, a shift premium or both would be payable by the employer,

- (a) the employee is not entitled to more than the employee's regular rate for any leave taken under subsection (1.2); and
- (b) the employee is not entitled to the shift premium for any leave taken under subsection (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Paid leave on public holiday

(1.13) If a paid day of leave under subsection (1.2) falls on a public holiday, the employee is not entitled to premium pay for any leave taken under subsection (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (2).

Advising employer

(2) An employee who takes leave under this section shall advise his or her employer that he or she will be doing so. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

Same

(3) If the employee begins the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

Evidence of entitlement, declared emergency

(4) An employer may require an employee who takes leave under clause (1.1) (a) to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances, at a time that is reasonable in the circumstances, that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (2).

Evidence of entitlement, infectious disease emergency

(4.1) An employer may require an employee who takes leave under clause (1.1) (b) or subsection (1.2) to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances, at a time that is reasonable in the circumstances, that the employee is entitled to the leave, but shall not require an employee to provide a certificate from a qualified health practitioner as evidence. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (2); 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (3).

Limit, declared emergency

(5) An employee is entitled to take a leave under clause (1.1) (a) for as long as he or she is not performing the duties of his or her position because of an emergency declared

under section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and a reason referred to in subclauses (1.1) (a) (i) to (iv), but, subject to subsection (6), the entitlement ends on the day the emergency is terminated or disallowed. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (2).

Limit, infectious disease emergency

(5.1) An employee is entitled to take a leave under clause (1.1) (b) starting on the prescribed date and for as long as,

- (a) he or she is not performing the duties of his or her position because of a reason referred to in subclauses (1.1) (b) (i) to (vii); and
- (b) the infectious disease is designated by the regulations for the purposes of this section. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (2).

Same, paid leave

(5.2) An employee's entitlement to paid leave under subsection (1.2) is deemed to have started on April 19, 2021 and ends on September 25, 2021 or such later date as may be prescribed. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (4).

Same

(5.3) If the regulations so provide, an employee is entitled to paid leave under subsection (1.2) for such additional periods as may be prescribed. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (4).

Limit

(6) If an employee took leave because he or she was not performing the duties of his or her position because of an emergency that has been terminated or disallowed and because of an order made under subsection 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and the order is extended under subsection 7.0.8 (4) of that Act, the employee's entitlement to leave continues during the period of the extension if he or she is not performing the duties of his or her position because of the order. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act, 2019

(7) This section applies despite the *Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future*

Generations Act, 2019, and payments made in accordance with subsection (1.11) are not an increase to existing compensation entitlements or new compensation entitlements for the purposes of that Act. 2021, c. 9, s. 2 (5).

Care, assistance, support — specified individuals

(8) Subclauses (1.1) (a) (iii) and (1.1) (b) (v) apply with respect to the following individuals:

1. The employee's spouse.
2. A parent, step-parent or foster parent of the employee or the employee's spouse.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee's spouse.
4. A child who is under legal guardianship of the employee or the employee's spouse.
5. A brother, step-brother, sister or step-sister of the employee.
6. A grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild or step-grandchild of the employee or the employee's spouse.
7. A brother-in-law, step-brother-in-law, sister-in-law or step-sister-in-law of the employee.
8. A son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the employee or the employee's spouse.
9. An uncle or aunt of the employee or the employee's spouse.
10. A nephew or niece of the employee or the employee's spouse.
11. The spouse of the employee's grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
12. A person who considers the employee to be like a family member, provided the prescribed conditions, if any, are met.
13. Any individual prescribed as a family member for the purposes of this section. 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (3); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 11, s. 9 (5).

(9) REPEALED: 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (4).

Retroactive order

(10) If an order made under section 7.0.2 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* is made retroactive pursuant to subsection 7.2 (1) of that Act,

(a) an employee who does not perform the duties of his or her position because of the declared emergency and the order is deemed to have been on leave beginning on the first day the employee did not perform the duties of his or her position on or after the date to which the order was made retroactive; and

(b) clauses 74 (1) (a) and 74.12 (1) (a) apply with necessary modifications in relation to the deemed leave described in clause (a). 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3); 2020, c. 3, s. 4 (5).

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Reimbursement of certain payments made under s. 50.1

Definition

50.1.1 (1) In this section,

“Board” means the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, continued under subsection 159 (1) of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*, despite the definition of “Board” in subsection 1 (1) of this Act. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Reimbursement for paid leave

(2) An employer may apply to the Board, in accordance with this section, to be reimbursed for payments made to an employee for paid leave taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, maximum

(3) An employer is entitled to be reimbursed for payments made to an employee for paid leave taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2) up to a maximum of \$200 per day, per employee. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, exclusion

(4) Despite subsection 50.1 (1.9), an employer is not entitled to be reimbursed for payments made to an employee on or after the day the *COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021* receives Royal Assent for a paid leave of absence under an employment contract in circumstances for which the employee would also be entitled to take a leave under subsection 50.1 (1.2). 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, exclusion re change to employment contract

(5) If, under an employment contract that was in effect on April 19, 2021, an employee was entitled to a paid leave of absence in circumstances for which the employee would also be entitled to take a leave under subsection 50.1 (1.2), but due to a change to the employment contract on or after April 19, 2021, the employee is no longer entitled to some or all of the paid leave of absence that the employee was entitled to before the change, the employer is not entitled to be reimbursed for payments made to that employee for a paid leave of absence, whether the leave is taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2) or under the employment contract, to the extent that the employee was entitled to the leave of absence under the employment contract before the change. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, exclusion re payments made under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*

(6) An employer is not entitled to be reimbursed for payments made to an employee for paid leave taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2) if the employee received benefits under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* for the days of leave. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Application for reimbursement

(7) An application under this section shall be made by filing the following with the Board:

1. A completed application in the form approved by the Board.
2. An attestation, to be completed by the employer in the form approved by the Board that,
 - i. confirms that the employer made a payment to the employee for paid leave taken under subsection 50.1 (1.2),
 - ii. specifies the dates on which the leave was taken by the employee,
 - iii. specifies the date on which the payment was made and the amount of the payment made, and
 - iv. confirms that, on or after April 19, 2021, the employer was not otherwise required under an employment contract to make the payment to the employee.

3. A record of the payment made to the employee in the form approved by the Board.
4. Information about claims filed with the Board under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* in respect of the employee.
5. Any other information required by the Board. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Time limit

(8) An application under this section shall be made within 120 days of the payment in respect of which the application is made. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, final date for application

(9) Despite subsection (8), no application under this section shall be made by an employer or accepted by the Board,

- (a) after January 25, 2022;
- (b) if a later date is prescribed for the purposes of subsection 50.1 (5.2), 120 days after that later date; or
- (c) if an additional period is prescribed for the purposes of subsection 50.1 (5.3), 120 days after the last day of that period. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

No determination if application incomplete

(10) The Board shall not make a determination regarding an employer's entitlement to reimbursement under this section if the employer's application does not meet the requirements of subsection (7) or is not filed within the time limits set out in subsections (8) and (9). 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Determination of entitlement

(11) The Board shall make a determination regarding an employer's entitlement to reimbursement under this section after receiving the employer's application and shall advise the employer of its determination in writing after making its determination. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, payment

(12) If the Board determines that an employer is entitled to be reimbursed under this

section, the Board shall pay the employer the amount to which the employer is entitled. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

No right of reconsideration or appeal

(13) A determination made by the Board regarding an employer's entitlement to reimbursement under this section is not a final decision of the Board for the purposes of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* and an employer has no right of reconsideration by, or appeal to, the Board or the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal in respect of a determination made by the Board under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Hearing not required

(14) The Board is not required to hold a hearing when making a determination or exercising a power under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

No complaint

(15) Section 96 does not apply to a determination made by the Board under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Overpayments

(16) If the Board pays an employer an amount in excess of the amount to which the employer is entitled under this section, the amount of the excess is an overpayment and is an amount owing under this Act. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(17) If the Board pays an employer an amount under this section and the employee in respect of whom the employer was paid subsequently receives benefits under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* for the days of leave for which the employer was paid, the amount of the payment to the employer is an overpayment and is an amount owing under this Act. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(18) An overpayment made by the Board under this section may be recovered from the employer by the Board or the Ministry in accordance with the prescribed process. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Ministry to make payments to Board

(19) The Ministry shall make payments to the Board to defray the costs of administering this section, including the cost of payments made to employers and the administration costs of the Board. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, appropriation

(20) Money required to defray the costs of administering this section shall be paid out of the money appropriated by the Ministry from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for that purpose by the Legislature. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Repayment by Board

(21) On or before the prescribed date, the Board shall pay the Ministry any amounts paid to the Board under subsection (19) that are no longer required for the purpose of administering this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, payments not part of insurance fund

(22) Payments made to the Board under subsection (19) shall not form a part of the insurance fund that is administered by the Board under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* and the Board shall not make any payments from the insurance fund for any purpose under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Contract for services

(23) The Board may enter into a contract or agreement with any person for the purpose of administering this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Recordkeeping

(24) The Board shall maintain such records relating to the administration of this section as are required by the Ministry, including records that are necessary to verify applications and payments made under this section, and shall provide those records to the Ministry. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Collection and use of information

(25) The Board may collect and use personal information within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of administering this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(26) The Board may use information collected under the authority of this section for the purpose of administering and enforcing the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(27) The Board may use information collected under the authority of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* for the purpose of administering this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Disclosure of information

(28) Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the Board shall not disclose any information collected under the authority of this section unless authorized or required by law to do so. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

False or misleading information

(29) No person shall provide false or misleading information under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Same, disclosure to Director

(30) If the Board is of the opinion that false or misleading information has been provided by an employer in an application under this section, the Board shall disclose that information to the Director. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Investigation

(31) An employment standards officer or other prescribed person may investigate a possible contravention of this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

Immunity

(32) No action or other proceeding for damages may be commenced against a member of the board of directors, or an officer or employee of the Board, for an act or omission done or omitted by the person in good faith in the execution or intended execution of any power or duty under this section. 2021, c. 9, s. 3.

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RESERVIST LEAVE

Reservist leave

50.2 (1) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay if the employee is a reservist and will not be performing the duties of his or her position because,

- (a) the employee is deployed to a Canadian Forces operation outside Canada;
- (b) the employee is deployed to a Canadian Forces operation inside Canada that is or will be providing assistance in dealing with an emergency or with its aftermath;
 - (b.1) the employee is participating in Canadian Forces military skills training;
 - (b.2) the employee is in treatment, recovery or rehabilitation in respect of a physical or mental health illness, injury or medical emergency that results from participation in an operation or activity referred to in this subsection; or
- (c) the prescribed circumstances apply. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3; 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 5 (1); 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 1 (1).

Activities included in deployment outside Canada

(2) Participation, whether inside or outside Canada, in pre-deployment or post-deployment activities that are required by the Canadian Forces in connection with an operation described in clause (1) (a) is considered deployment to the operation for the purposes of that clause. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Restriction

(3) An employee is not entitled to begin a leave under clause (1) (a), (b.1), (b.2) or (c) unless the employee has been employed by the employer for at least the prescribed period or, if no period is prescribed, for at least two consecutive months. 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2).

Length of leave

(4) An employee is entitled to take a leave under this section for the period prescribed in respect of the clause under which the leave is taken under subsection (1) or, if no

period is prescribed, for as long as clause (1) (a), (b), (b.1) or (b.2) or the circumstances set out in a regulation made under clause (1) (c) apply to the employee. 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 1 (3).

Advising employer re start of leave

(5) An employee who intends to take a leave under this section shall give his or her employer the prescribed period of notice of the day on which he or she will begin the leave or, if no notice period is prescribed, reasonable notice. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Same

(6) Despite subsection (5), if the employee must begin the leave before advising the employer, the employee shall advise the employer of the leave as soon as possible after beginning it. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Evidence of entitlement

(7) An employer may require an employee who takes a leave under this section to provide evidence that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Same

(8) When evidence is required under subsection (7), the employee shall,

- (a) provide the prescribed evidence, or evidence reasonable in the circumstances if no evidence is prescribed; and
- (b) provide the evidence at the prescribed time, or at a time reasonable in the circumstances if no time is prescribed. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Advising employer re end of leave

(9) An employee who intends to end a leave taken under this section shall give his or her employer the prescribed period of notice of the day on which he or she intends to end the leave or, if no notice period is prescribed, reasonable notice. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Written notice

(10) Notice under subsection (5), (6) or (9) shall be given in writing. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Definition, emergency

(11) In clause (1) (b),

“emergency” means,

(a) a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise, or

(b) a situation in which a search and rescue operation takes place. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

Transition

(12) This section applies only if,

(a) the deployment described in subsection (1) begins on or after the day the *Fairness for Military Families Act (Employment Standards and Health Insurance)*, 2007 receives Royal Assent; and

(b) notice under subsection (5) or (6) is given on or after the day described in clause (a). 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING LEAVES

Rights during leave

51 (1) During any leave under this Part, an employee continues to participate in each type of benefit plan described in subsection (2) that is related to his or her employment unless he or she elects in writing not to do so. 2000, c. 41, s. 51 (1).

Benefit plans

(2) Subsection (1) applies with respect to pension plans, life insurance plans, accidental death plans, extended health plans, dental plans and any prescribed type of benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 51 (2).

Employer contributions

(3) During an employee's leave under this Part, the employer shall continue to make the employer's contributions for any plan described in subsection (2) unless the employee gives the employer a written notice that the employee does not intend to pay the employee's contributions, if any. 2000, c. 41, s. 51 (3).

Reservist leave

(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) do not apply in respect of an employee during a leave under section 50.2, unless otherwise prescribed. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 4.

Exception

(5) Despite subsection (4), subsections (1), (2) and (3) apply in respect of an employee during a period of postponement under subsection 53 (1.1), unless otherwise prescribed. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 4.

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Leave and vacation conflict

51.1 (1) An employee who is on leave under this Part may defer taking vacation until the leave expires or, if the employer and employee agree to a later date, until that later date if,

(a) under the terms of the employee's employment contract, the employee may not defer taking vacation that would otherwise be forfeited or the employee's ability to do so is restricted; and

(b) as a result, in order to exercise his or her right to leave under this Part, the employee would have to,

(i) forfeit vacation or vacation pay, or

(ii) take less than his or her full leave entitlement. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (11).

Leave and completion of vacation conflict

(2) If an employee is on leave under this Part on the day by which his or her vacation must be completed under paragraph 1 of section 35 or paragraph 1 of subsection 35.1 (2), the uncompleted part of the vacation shall be completed immediately after the leave expires or, if the employer and employee agree to a later date, beginning on that

later date. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (11); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (22).

Alternative right, vacation pay

(3) An employee to whom this section applies may forego vacation and receive vacation pay in accordance with section 41 rather than completing his or her vacation under this section. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (11).

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Length of employment

52 (1) The period of an employee's leave under this Part shall be included in calculating any of the following for the purpose of determining his or her rights under an employment contract:

1. The length of his or her employment, whether or not it is active employment.
2. The length of the employee's service whether or not that service is active.
3. The employee's seniority. 2000, c. 41, s. 52 (1).

Exception

(2) The period of an employee's leave shall not be included in determining whether he or she has completed a probationary period under an employment contract. 2000, c. 41, s. 52 (2).

Leave taken in entire weeks

52.1 (1) If a provision in this Part requires that an employee who takes a leave to provide care or support to a person take the leave in periods of entire weeks and, during a week of leave, an employee ceases to provide care or support,

- (a) the employee's entitlement to leave continues until the end of the week; and
- (b) the employee may return to work during the week only if the employer agrees, whether in writing or not. 2014, c. 6, s. 4.

Same

(2) If an employee returns to work under clause (1) (b), the week counts as an entire week for the purposes of any provision in this Part that limits the employee's

entitlement to leave to a certain number of weeks. 2014, c. 6, s. 4.

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Reinstatement

53 (1) Upon the conclusion of an employee's leave under this Part, the employer shall reinstate the employee to the position the employee most recently held with the employer, if it still exists, or to a comparable position, if it does not. 2000, c. 41, s. 53 (1).

Reservist leave

(1.1) Despite subsection (1), the employer of an employee who has been on leave under section 50.2 may postpone the employee's reinstatement until,

- (a) a prescribed day; or
- (b) if no day is prescribed, the later of,
 - (i) the day that is two weeks after the day on which the leave ends, and
 - (ii) the first pay day that falls after the day on which the leave ends. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 5.

Same

(1.2) During the period of postponement, the employee is deemed to continue to be on leave under section 50.2 for the purposes of sections 51.1 and 52. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 5.

Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the employment of the employee is ended solely for reasons unrelated to the leave. 2000, c. 41, s. 53 (2).

Wage rate

(3) The employer shall pay a reinstated employee at a rate that is equal to the greater of,

- (a) the rate that the employee most recently earned with the employer; and
- (b) the rate that the employee would be earning had he or she worked

throughout the leave. 2000, c. 41, s. 53 (3).

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Leaves apply separately

53.1 For greater certainty, every entitlement to leave under this Part applies separately from, and in addition to, every other entitlement to leave under this Part. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 21.

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PART XV TERMINATION AND SEVERANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

INTERPRETATION

Meaning of “establishment”

53.2 In this Part, except for clause 58 (2) (b) and subsection 58 (5), and for the purposes of Part XVIII (Reprisal), section 74.12, Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions) and Part XXVII (Regulations) insofar as matters concerning this Part are concerned, “establishment” means an establishment as defined in subsection 1 (1) subject to the following modification:

1. The phrase “location at which the employer carries on business” includes a private residence of the employer’s employee if the employee performs work in the private residence and the employee does not perform work at any other location where the employer carries on business. 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 2.
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TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

No termination without notice

54 No employer shall terminate the employment of an employee who has been

continuously employed for three months or more unless the employer,

- (a) has given to the employee written notice of termination in accordance with section 57 or 58 and the notice has expired; or
- (b) has complied with section 61. 2000, c. 41, s. 54.

Prescribed employees not entitled

55 Prescribed employees are not entitled to notice of termination or termination pay under this Part. 2000, c. 41, s. 55.

What constitutes termination

56 (1) An employer terminates the employment of an employee for purposes of section 54 if,

- (a) the employer dismisses the employee or otherwise refuses or is unable to continue employing him or her;
- (b) the employer constructively dismisses the employee and the employee resigns from his or her employment in response to that within a reasonable period; or
- (c) the employer lays the employee off for a period longer than the period of a temporary lay-off. 2000, c. 41, s. 56 (1).

Temporary lay-off

(2) For the purpose of clause (1) (c), a temporary layoff is,

- (a) a lay-off of not more than 13 weeks in any period of 20 consecutive weeks;
- (b) a lay-off of more than 13 weeks in any period of 20 consecutive weeks, if the lay-off is less than 35 weeks in any period of 52 consecutive weeks and,
 - (i) the employee continues to receive substantial payments from the employer,
 - (ii) the employer continues to make payments for the benefit of the employee under a legitimate retirement or pension plan or a legitimate group or employee insurance plan,
 - (iii) the employee receives supplementary unemployment benefits,

(iv) the employee is employed elsewhere during the lay-off and would be entitled to receive supplementary unemployment benefits if that were not so,
 (v) the employer recalls the employee within the time approved by the Director, or

(vi) in the case of an employee who is not represented by a trade union, the employer recalls the employee within the time set out in an agreement between the employer and the employee; or

(c) in the case of an employee represented by a trade union, a lay-off longer than a lay-off described in clause (b) where the employer recalls the employee within the time set out in an agreement between the employer and the trade union.
 2000, c. 41, s. 56 (2); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (12).

Definition

(3) In subsections (3.1) to (3.6),

“excluded week” means a week during which, for one or more days, the employee is not able to work, is not available for work, is subject to a disciplinary suspension or is not provided with work because of a strike or lock-out occurring at his or her place of employment or elsewhere. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Lay-off, regular work week

(3.1) For the purpose of subsection (2), an employee who has a regular work week is laid off for a week if,

(a) in that week, the employee earns less than one-half the amount he or she would earn at his or her regular rate in a regular work week; and

(b) the week is not an excluded week. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Effect of excluded week

(3.2) For the purpose of clauses (2) (a) and (b), an excluded week shall be counted as part of the periods of 20 and 52 weeks. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Lay-off, no regular work week

(3.3) For the purposes of clauses (1) (c) and (2) (a), an employee who does not have a regular work week is laid off for a period longer than the period of a temporary lay-off

if for more than 13 weeks in any period of 20 consecutive weeks he or she earns less than one-half the average amount he or she earned per week in the period of 12 consecutive weeks that preceded the 20-week period. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Effect of excluded week

(3.4) For the purposes of subsection (3.3),

- (a) an excluded week shall not be counted as part of the 13 or more weeks but shall be counted as part of the 20-week period; and
- (b) if the 12-week period contains an excluded week, the average amount earned shall be calculated based on the earnings in weeks that were not excluded weeks and the number of weeks that were not excluded. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Lay-off, no regular work week

(3.5) For the purposes of clauses (1) (c) and (2) (b), an employee who does not have a regular work week is laid off for a period longer than the period of a temporary lay-off if for 35 or more weeks in any period of 52 consecutive weeks he or she earns less than one-half the average amount he or she earned per week in the period of 12 consecutive weeks that preceded the 52-week period. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Effect of excluded week

(3.6) For the purposes of subsection (3.5),

- (a) an excluded week shall not be counted as part of the 35 or more weeks but shall be counted as part of the 52-week period; and
- (b) if the 12-week period contains an excluded week, the average amount earned shall be calculated based on the earnings in weeks that were not excluded weeks and the number of weeks that were not excluded. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23).

Temporary lay-off not termination

(4) An employer who lays an employee off without specifying a recall date shall not be considered to terminate the employment of the employee, unless the period of the lay-off exceeds that of a temporary lay-off. 2000, c. 41, s. 56 (4).

Deemed termination date

(5) If an employer terminates the employment of an employee under clause (1) (c), the

employment shall be deemed to be terminated on the first day of the lay-off. 2000, c. 41, s. 56 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Employer notice period

57 The notice of termination under section 54 shall be given,

- (a) at least one week before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is less than one year;
- (b) at least two weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is one year or more and fewer than three years;
- (c) at least three weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is three years or more and fewer than four years;
- (d) at least four weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is four years or more and fewer than five years;
- (e) at least five weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is five years or more and fewer than six years;
- (f) at least six weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is six years or more and fewer than seven years;
- (g) at least seven weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is seven years or more and fewer than eight years; or
- (h) at least eight weeks before the termination, if the employee's period of employment is eight years or more. 2000, c. 41, s. 57.

Notice, 50 or more employees

58 (1) Despite section 57, the employer shall give notice of termination in the prescribed manner and for the prescribed period if the employer terminates the employment of 50 or more employees at the employer's establishment in the same four-week period. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (1).

Information

(2) An employer who is required to give notice under this section,

- (a) shall provide to the Director the prescribed information in a form approved by the Director;
- (b) shall, on the first day of the notice period, post in the employer's establishment the prescribed information in a form approved by the Director; and
- (c) shall, on the first day of the notice period, provide the prescribed information in a form approved by the Director to each of the affected employees. 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 3.

Content

(3) The information required under subsection (2) may include,

- (a) the economic circumstances surrounding the terminations;
- (b) any consultations that have been or are proposed to take place with communities in which the terminations will take place or with the affected employees or their agent in connection with the terminations;
- (c) any proposed adjustment measures and the number of employees expected to benefit from each; and
- (d) a statistical profile of the affected employees. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (3).

When notice effective

(4) The notice required under subsection (1) shall be deemed not to have been given until the Director receives the information required under clause (2) (a). 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (4).

Posting

(5) The employer shall post the information required under clause (2) (b) in at least one conspicuous place in the employer's establishment where it is likely to come to the attention of the affected employees and the employer shall keep that information posted throughout the notice period required under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (5).

Employee notice

(6) An employee to whom notice has been given under this section shall not terminate his or her employment without first giving the employer written notice,

- (a) at least one week before doing so, if his or her period of employment is less

than two years; or

(b) at least two weeks before doing so, if his or her period of employment is two years or more. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (6).

Exception

(7) Subsection (6) does not apply if the employer constructively dismisses the employee or breaches a term of the employment contract, whether or not such a breach would constitute a constructive dismissal. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (7).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Period of employment: included, excluded time

59 (1) Time spent by an employee on leave or other inactive employment is included in determining his or her period of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 59 (1).

Exception

(2) Despite subsection (1), if an employee's employment was terminated as a result of a lay-off, no part of the lay-off period after the deemed termination date shall be included in determining his or her period of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 59 (2).

Requirements during notice period

60 (1) During a notice period under section 57 or 58, the employer,

- (a) shall not reduce the employee's wage rate or alter any other term or condition of employment;
- (b) shall in each week pay the employee the wages the employee is entitled to receive, which in no case shall be less than his or her regular wages for a regular work week; and
- (c) shall continue to make whatever benefit plan contributions would be required to be made in order to maintain the employee's benefits under the plan until the end of the notice period. 2000, c. 41, s. 60 (1).

No regular work week

(2) For the purposes of clause (1) (b), if the employee does not have a regular work

week or if the employee is paid on a basis other than time, the employer shall pay the employee an amount equal to the average amount of regular wages earned by the employee per week for the weeks in which the employee worked in the period of 12 weeks immediately preceding the day on which notice was given. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (13).

Benefit plan contributions

(3) If an employer fails to contribute to a benefit plan contrary to clause (1) (c), an amount equal to the amount the employer should have contributed shall be deemed to be unpaid wages for the purpose of section 103. 2000, c. 41, s. 60 (3).

Same

(4) Nothing in subsection (3) precludes the employee from an entitlement that he or she may have under a benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 60 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Pay instead of notice

61 (1) An employer may terminate the employment of an employee without notice or with less notice than is required under section 57 or 58 if the employer,

(a) pays to the employee termination pay in a lump sum equal to the amount the employee would have been entitled to receive under section 60 had notice been given in accordance with that section; and

(b) continues to make whatever benefit plan contributions would be required to be made in order to maintain the benefits to which the employee would have been entitled had he or she continued to be employed during the period of notice that he or she would otherwise have been entitled to receive. 2000, c. 41, s. 61 (1); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (14).

No regular work week

(1.1) For the purposes of clause (1) (a), if the employee does not have a regular work week or is paid on a basis other than time, the amount the employee would have been entitled to receive under section 60 shall be calculated as if the period of 12 weeks referred to in subsection 60 (2) were the 12-week period immediately preceding the

day of termination. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (15).

Information to Director

(2) An employer who terminates the employment of employees under this section and would otherwise be required to provide notices of termination under section 58 shall comply with clause 58 (2) (a). 2000, c. 41, s. 61 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Deemed active employment

62 (1) If an employer terminates the employment of employees without giving them part or all of the period of notice required under this Part, the employees shall be deemed to have been actively employed during the period for which there should have been notice for the purposes of any benefit plan under which entitlement to benefits might be lost or affected if the employees cease to be actively employed. 2000, c. 41, s. 62 (1).

Benefit plan contributions

(2) If an employer fails to contribute to a benefit plan contrary to clause 61 (1) (b), an amount equal to the amount the employer should have contributed shall be deemed to be unpaid wages for the purpose of section 103. 2000, c. 41, s. 62 (2).

Same

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) precludes the employee from an entitlement he or she may have under a benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 62 (3).

SEVERANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

What constitutes severance

63 (1) An employer severs the employment of an employee if,

- (a) the employer dismisses the employee or otherwise refuses or is unable to continue employing the employee;
- (b) the employer constructively dismisses the employee and the employee resigns from his or her employment in response within a reasonable period;

- (c) the employer lays the employee off for 35 weeks or more in any period of 52 consecutive weeks;
- (d) the employer lays the employee off because of a permanent discontinuance of all of the employer's business at an establishment; or
- (e) the employer gives the employee notice of termination in accordance with section 57 or 58, the employee gives the employer written notice at least two weeks before resigning and the employee's notice of resignation is to take effect during the statutory notice period. 2000, c. 41, s. 63 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (24).

Definition

(2) In subsections (2.1) to (2.4),

"excluded week" means a week during which, for one or more days, the employee is not able to work, is not available for work, is subject to a disciplinary suspension or is not provided with work because of a strike or lock-out occurring at his or her place of employment or elsewhere. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (25).

Lay-off, regular work week

(2.1) For the purpose of clause (1) (c), an employee who has a regular work week is laid off for a week if,

- (a) in that week, the employee earns less than one-quarter the amount he or she would earn at his or her regular rate in a regular work week; and
- (b) the week is not an excluded week. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (25).

Effect of excluded week

(2.2) For the purposes of clause (1) (c), an excluded week shall be counted as part of the period of 52 weeks. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (25).

Lay-off, no regular work week

(2.3) For the purpose of clause (1) (c), an employee who does not have a regular work week is laid off for 35 or more weeks in any period of 52 consecutive weeks if for 35 or more weeks in any period of 52 consecutive weeks he or she earns less than one-quarter the average amount he or she earned per week in the period of 12

consecutive weeks that preceded the 52-week period. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (25).

Effect of excluded week

(2.4) For the purposes of subsection (2.3),

- (a) an excluded week shall not be counted as part of the 35 or more weeks, but shall be counted as part of the 52-week period; and
- (b) if the 12-week period contains an excluded week, the average amount earned shall be calculated based on the earnings in weeks that were not excluded weeks and the number of weeks that were not excluded. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (25).

Resignation

(3) An employee's employment that is severed under clause (1) (e) shall be deemed to have been severed on the day the employer's notice of termination would have taken effect if the employee had not resigned. 2000, c. 41, s. 63 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Entitlement to severance pay

64 (1) An employer who severs an employment relationship with an employee shall pay severance pay to the employee if the employee was employed by the employer for five years or more and,

- (a) the severance occurred because of a permanent discontinuance of all or part of the employer's business at an establishment and the employee is one of 50 or more employees who have their employment relationship severed within a six-month period as a result; or
- (b) the employer has a payroll of \$2.5 million or more. 2000, c. 41, s. 64 (1).

Payroll

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an employer shall be considered to have a payroll of \$2.5 million or more if,

- (a) the total wages earned by all of the employer's employees in the four weeks that ended with the last day of the last pay period completed prior to the severance of an employee's employment, when multiplied by 13, was \$2.5 million

or more; or

(b) the total wages earned by all of the employer's employees in the last or second-last fiscal year of the employer prior to the severance of an employee's employment was \$2.5 million or more. 2000, c. 41, s. 64 (2); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (16).

Exceptions

(3) Prescribed employees are not entitled to severance pay under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 64 (3).

Location deemed an establishment

(4) A location shall be deemed to be an establishment under subsection (1) if,

- (a) there is a permanent discontinuance of all or part of an employer's business at the location;
- (b) the location is part of an establishment consisting of two or more locations; and
- (c) the employer severs the employment relationship of 50 or more employees within a six-month period as a result. 2000, c. 41, s. 64 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Calculating severance pay

65 (1) Severance pay under this section shall be calculated by multiplying the employee's regular wages for a regular work week by the sum of,

- (a) the number of years of employment the employee has completed; and
- (b) the number of months of employment not included in clause (a) that the employee has completed, divided by 12. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (1).

Non-continuous employment

(2) All time spent by the employee in the employer's employ, whether or not continuous and whether or not active, shall be included in determining whether he or she is eligible for severance pay under subsection 64 (1) and in calculating his or her severance pay under subsection (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (2).

Exception

(2.1) Despite subsection (2), when an employee in receipt of an actuarially unreduced pension benefit has his or her employment severed by an employer on or after November 6, 2009, time spent in the employer's employ for which the employee received service credits in the calculation of that benefit shall not be included in determining whether he or she is eligible for severance pay under subsection 64 (1) and in calculating his or her severance pay under subsection (1). 2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (1).

Where employee resigns

(3) If an employee's employment is severed under clause 63 (1) (e), the period between the day the employee's notice of resignation took effect and the day the employer's notice of termination would have taken effect shall not be considered in calculating the amount of severance pay to which the employee is entitled. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (3).

Termination without notice

(4) If an employer terminates the employment of an employee without providing the notice, if any, required under section 57 or 58, the amount of severance pay to which the employee is entitled shall be calculated as if the employee continued to be employed for a period equal to the period of notice that should have been given and was not. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (4).

Limit

(5) An employee's severance pay entitlement under this section shall not exceed an amount equal to the employee's regular wages for a regular work week for 26 weeks. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (5).

Where no regular work week

(6) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (5), if the employee does not have a regular work week or if the employee is paid on a basis other than time, the employee's regular wages for a regular work week shall be deemed to be the average amount of regular wages earned by the employee for the weeks in which the employee worked in the period of 12 weeks preceding the date on which,

- (a) the employee's employment was severed; or

(b) if the employee's employment was severed under clause 63 (1) (c) or (d), the date on which the lay-off began. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (6); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (26).

In addition to other amounts

(7) Subject to subsection (8), severance pay under this section is in addition to any other amount to which an employee is entitled under this Act or his or her employment contract. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (7).

Set-off, deduction

(8) Only the following set-offs and deductions may be made in calculating severance pay under this section:

1. Supplementary unemployment benefits the employee receives after his or her employment is severed and before the severance pay becomes payable to the employee.
2. An amount paid to an employee for loss of employment under a provision of the employment contract if it is based upon length of employment, length of service or seniority.
3. Severance pay that was previously paid to the employee under this Act, a predecessor of this Act or a contractual provision described in paragraph 2. 2000, c. 41, s. 65 (8).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Instalments

66 (1) An employer may pay severance pay to an employee who is entitled to it in instalments with the agreement of the employee or the approval of the Director. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (17).

Restriction

(2) The period over which instalments can be paid must not exceed three years. 2000, c. 41, s. 66 (2).

Default

(3) If the employer fails to make an instalment payment, all severance pay not previously paid shall become payable immediately. 2000, c. 41, s. 66 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

ELECTION RE RECALL RIGHTS

Where election may be made

67 (1) This section applies if an employee who has a right to be recalled for employment under his or her employment contract is entitled to,

- (a) termination pay under section 61 because of a lay-off of 35 weeks or more; or
- (b) severance pay. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (1).

Exception

(2) Clause (1) (b) does not apply if the employer and employee have agreed that the severance pay shall be paid in instalments under section 66. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (2).

Nature of election

(3) The employee may elect to be paid the termination pay or severance pay forthwith or to retain the right to be recalled. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (3).

Consistency

(4) An employee who is entitled to both termination pay and severance pay shall make the same election in respect of each. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (4).

Deemed abandonment

(5) An employee who elects to be paid shall be deemed to have abandoned the right to be recalled. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (5).

Employee not represented by trade union

(6) If an employee who is not represented by a trade union elects to retain the right to be recalled or fails to make an election, the employer shall pay the termination pay and severance pay to which the employee is entitled to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (6).

Employee represented by trade union

(7) If an employee who is represented by a trade union elects to retain the right to be recalled or fails to make an election,

(a) the employer and the trade union shall attempt to negotiate an arrangement for holding the money in trust, and, if the negotiations are successful, the money shall be held in trust in accordance with the arrangement agreed upon; and

(b) if the trade union advises the Director and the employer in writing that efforts to negotiate such an arrangement have been unsuccessful, the employer shall pay the termination pay and severance pay to which the employee is entitled to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (7).

Where employee accepts recall

(8) If the employee accepts employment made available under the right of recall, the amount held in trust shall be paid out of trust to the employer and the employee shall be deemed to have abandoned the right to termination pay and severance pay paid into trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (8).

Recall rights expired or renounced

(9) If the employee renounces the right to be recalled or the right expires, the amount held in trust shall be paid to the employee and, if the right to be recalled had not expired, the employee shall be deemed to have abandoned the right. 2000, c. 41, s. 67 (9).

PART XV.1 NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS

Definitions

67.1 In this Part, and for the purposes of Part XVIII (Reprisal), section 74.12, Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions) and Part XXVII (Regulations) insofar as matters concerning this Part are concerned,

“employee” means an employee as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes an applicant for employment; (“employé”)

“employer” means an employer as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes a prospective employer; (“employeur”)

“non-compete agreement” means an agreement, or any part of an agreement, between an employer and an employee that prohibits the employee from engaging in any business, work, occupation, profession, project or other activity that is in competition with the employer’s business after the employment relationship between the employee and the employer ends. (“clause de non-concurrence”) 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Prohibition

67.2 (1) No employer shall enter into an employment contract or other agreement with an employee that is, or that includes, a non-compete agreement. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Same

(2) For greater certainty, subsection 5 (1) applies and if an employer contravenes subsection (1), the non-compete agreement is void. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Exception — sale, etc., of business

(3) If there is a sale of a business or a part of a business and, as a part of the sale, the purchaser and seller enter into an agreement that prohibits the seller from engaging in any business, work, occupation, profession, project or other activity that is in competition with the purchaser’s business after the sale and, immediately following the sale, the seller becomes an employee of the purchaser, subsection (1) does not apply with respect to that agreement. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Exception — executives

(4) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to an employee who is an executive. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Definitions

(5) In this section,

“executive” means any person who holds the office of chief executive officer, president, chief administrative officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, chief information officer, chief legal officer, chief human resources officer or chief corporate development officer, or holds any other chief executive position; (“cadre supérieur”)

“sale” includes a lease. (“vente”) 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

PART XVI

LIE DETECTORS

Definitions

68 In this Part, and for purposes of Part XVIII (Reprisal), section 74.12, Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions), Part XXVII (Regulations) and Part XXVIII (Transition, Amendment, Repeals, Commencement and Short Title), insofar as matters concerning this Part are concerned,

“employee” means an employee as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes an applicant for employment, a police officer and a person who is an applicant to be a police officer; (“employé”)

“employer” means an employer as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes a prospective employer and a police governing body; (“employeur”)

“lie detector test” means an analysis, examination, interrogation or test that is taken or performed,

(a) by means of or in conjunction with a device, instrument or machine, and

(b) for the purpose of assessing or purporting to assess the credibility of a person. (“test du détecteur de mensonges”) 2000, c. 41, s. 68; 2009, c. 9, s. 2; 2019, c. 1, Sched. 4, s. 17 (2).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Right to refuse test

69 Subject to section 71, an employee has a right not to,

- (a) take a lie detector test;
- (b) be asked to take a lie detector test; or
- (c) be required to take a lie detector test. 2000, c. 41, s. 69.

Prohibition: testing

70 (1) Subject to section 71, no person shall, directly or indirectly, require, request, enable or influence an employee to take a lie detector test. 2000, c. 41, s. 70 (1).

Prohibition: disclosure

(2) No person shall disclose to an employer that an employee has taken a lie detector test or disclose to an employer the results of a lie detector test taken by an employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 70 (2).

Consent to test by police

71 This Part shall not be interpreted to prevent a person from being asked by a police officer to take, consenting to take and taking a lie detector test administered on behalf of a police service in Ontario or by a member of a police service in Ontario in the course of the investigation of an offence. 2000, c. 41, s. 71; 2019, c. 1, Sched. 4, s. 17 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XVII

RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

Application of Part

72 (1) This Part applies with respect to,

- (a) retail business establishments as defined in subsection 1 (1) of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*;
- (b) employees employed to work in those establishments; and
- (c) employers of those employees. 2000, c. 41, s. 72 (1).

Exception

(2) This Part does not apply with respect to retail business establishments in which the primary retail business is one that,

- (a) sells prepared meals;
- (b) rents living accommodations;
- (c) is open to the public for educational, recreational or amusement purposes; or
- (d) sells goods or services incidental to a business described in clause (a), (b) or (c) and is located in the same premises as that business. 2000, c. 41, s. 72 (2).

Right to refuse work

73 (1) An employee may refuse to work on a public holiday or a day declared by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor to be a holiday for the purposes of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*. 2000, c. 41, s. 73 (1).

Same

(2) An employee may refuse to work on a Sunday. 2000, c. 41, s. 73 (2).

Notice of refusal

(3) An employee who agrees to work on a day referred to in subsection (1) or (2) may then decline to work on that day, but only if he or she gives the employer notice that he or she declines at least 48 hours before he or she was to commence work on that day. 2000, c. 41, s. 73 (3); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 40.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XVIII REPRISAL

Reprisal prohibited

74 (1) No employer or person acting on behalf of an employer shall intimidate, dismiss or otherwise penalize an employee or threaten to do so,

- (a) because the employee,
 - (i) asks the employer to comply with this Act and the regulations,

- (ii) makes inquiries about his or her rights under this Act,
 - (iii) files a complaint with the Ministry under this Act,
 - (iv) exercises or attempts to exercise a right under this Act,
 - (v) gives information to an employment standards officer,
 - (v.1) makes inquiries about the rate paid to another employee for the purpose of determining or assisting another person in determining whether an employer is complying with Part XII (Equal Pay for Equal Work),
 - (v.2) discloses the employee's rate of pay to another employee for the purpose of determining or assisting another person in determining whether an employer is complying with Part XII (Equal Pay for Equal Work),
 - (vi) testifies or is required to testify or otherwise participates or is going to participate in a proceeding under this Act,
 - (vii) participates in proceedings respecting a by-law or proposed by-law under section 4 of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*,
 - (viii) is or will become eligible to take a leave, intends to take a leave or takes a leave under Part XIV,
 - (ix) makes inquiries about whether a person holds a licence to operate as a temporary help agency or a licence to act as a recruiter as required under Part XVIII.1; or
- (b) because the employer is or may be required, because of a court order or garnishment, to pay to a third party an amount owing by the employer to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 74 (1); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 41; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Onus of proof

(2) Subject to subsection 122 (4), in any proceeding under this Act, the burden of proof that an employer did not contravene a provision set out in this section lies upon the employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 74 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XVIII.1

TEMPORARY HELP AGENCIES AND RECRUITERS

LICENSING

Types of licences

74.1 The following are the types of licences that may be issued under this Part:

1. A licence to operate as a temporary help agency.
2. A licence to act as a recruiter. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 8.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Licence to operate as temporary help agency

74.1.1 (1) No person shall operate as a temporary help agency unless the person holds a licence for that purpose. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 9.

Same

(2) No client shall knowingly engage or use the services of a temporary help agency unless the person who operates the temporary help agency holds a licence for that purpose as required under subsection (1). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 9.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Licence to act as recruiter

74.1.2 (1) No person shall act as a recruiter unless the person holds a licence for that purpose. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 9.

Same

(2) No recruiter, employer or prospective employer shall knowingly engage or use the services of a recruiter unless the recruiter holds a licence for that purpose as required under subsection (1). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 9.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Application for licence

- 74.1.3** (1) A person may apply to the Director for a licence or a renewal of a licence by,
- (a) submitting to the Director, in a written or electronic form approved by the Director,
 - (i) the legal name of the applicant, as well as any operating or business name of the applicant, if different from the legal name,
 - (ii) the address of every location where the applicant carries on business,
 - (iii) if the applicant is a corporation, the name and address of each officer or director of the corporation,
 - (iv) if the applicant is a partnership, the name and address of each partner in the partnership,
 - (v) if the applicant is applying for a licence to act as a recruiter,
 - (A) a statement that the applicant is aware that subsection 7 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* prohibits a person who acts as a recruiter in connection with the employment of a foreign national from directly or indirectly charging the foreign national a fee for any service, good or benefit provided to the foreign national and that the applicant is aware that subsection 7 (3) of that Act prohibits a person acting on behalf of a recruiter from collecting a fee charged by the recruiter in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of that Act,
 - (B) a statement that the applicant is aware that subsection 24 (2) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* provides that if an employment standards officer finds that a recruiter has contravened section 7 of that Act, the officer may order the recruiter to pay the amount of the fees to the foreign national or to the Director of Employment Standards in trust,
 - (C) a statement that the applicant is aware that subsection 27 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* provides that if an employment standards officer believes that a person has contravened a provision of that Act, the officer may issue a notice to the person setting out the officer's belief and specifying the amount of the penalty for the contravention,

- (D) a statement that the applicant is aware that the Director shall refuse to issue a licence or revoke or suspend a licence if the applicant has ever charged a fee to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* or collected a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act, and
 - (E) a statement confirming that the applicant has not charged a fee to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* and that the applicant has not collected a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act,
- (vi) if the applicant engages or uses the services of any person, other than an employee of the applicant, in connection with the recruitment or employment of foreign nationals,
- (A) the name and address of each person so engaged or used,
 - (B) a description of the person's business,
 - (C) a statement confirming that the applicant has made reasonable inquiries about the person's business practices with respect to foreign nationals and is satisfied that the person did not charge a fee in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* or collect a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act,
 - (D) a statement that the applicant is aware that subsection 18.1 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* provides that a recruiter who uses the services of another recruiter in connection with the recruitment or employment of a foreign national is jointly and severally liable with the other recruiter to repay fees charged to the foreign national by the other recruiter in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of that Act, and
 - (E) a statement that the applicant is aware that the Director shall refuse to issue a licence or revoke or suspend a licence if the applicant engages or uses the services of a recruiter that has ever charged a fee to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of the

Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009 or collected a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act, and

- (vii) such other information or statements as may be prescribed;
- (b) paying the prescribed fee;
- (c) providing the Director with the prescribed security; and
- (d) complying with any additional prescribed requirements. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10; 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Request for information

(2) The Director may request that an applicant provide to the Director, in the form and within the time period specified by the Director, such information as may be specified by the Director that is relevant to the decision as to whether or not to issue a licence or renewal. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

False or misleading information

(3) No person shall provide false or misleading information under this section. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Addresses

(4) For greater certainty, a requirement to submit an address to the Director under subsection (1) includes addresses in Ontario and outside of Ontario, including outside of Canada. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Issuance of licence

74.1.4 The Director shall issue a licence to an applicant or renew an applicant's licence if the Director,

- (a) receives an application under section 74.1.3; and
- (b) is satisfied that the applicant,
 - (i) has complied with any orders issued under this Act or the *Employment*

Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009, and

(ii) meets the requirements set out in this Act and the regulations for the licence. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Refusal to issue or renew licence

74.1.5 (1) On receipt of an application under section 74.1.3, the Director shall, in accordance with the prescribed processes, if any, refuse to issue or renew a licence if,

- (a) the applicant has not complied with an order issued under this Act or the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009*;
- (b) the applicant has ever charged a fee to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009* or collected a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act, or the applicant engages or uses the services of any person, other than an employee of the applicant, that has ever charged a fee in contravention of subsection 7 (1) of that Act or collected a fee charged to a foreign national in contravention of subsection 7 (3) of that Act;
- (c) the applicant fails to meet the requirements set out in this Act and the regulations for the licence; or
- (d) any other prescribed circumstances exist. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10; 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Same

(2) On receipt of an application under section 74.1.3, the Director may, in accordance with the prescribed processes, if any, refuse to issue or renew a licence if,

- (a) the Director has reasonable grounds to believe that,
 - (i) based on the past or present conduct of the applicant, or any officers, directors or representatives of the applicant, the applicant will not carry on business with honesty and integrity and in accordance with the law, or
 - (ii) the applicant has made a false or misleading statement or provided false or misleading information in an application for a licence or a renewal of a

licence; or

(b) any other prescribed circumstances exist. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Revocation or suspension of licence

74.1.6 (1) The Director may, in accordance with the prescribed processes, if any, revoke or suspend a licence on any ground on which the Director might have refused to issue or renew the licence under subsection 74.1.5 (1) or (2). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Reinstatement

(2) If the Director considers it appropriate to do so, the Director may reinstate a licence that has been suspended. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Notice requirements re: licences

Director

74.1.7 (1) If the Director refuses to issue or renew a licence, or revokes or suspends a licence, the Director shall serve notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension on the applicant and shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the refusal, revocation or suspension. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Temporary help agency

(2) A person whose licence to operate a temporary help agency is refused, revoked or suspended shall give written notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension to every client and assignment employee of the agency within 30 days after the day on which the notice of refusal, revocation or suspension is served. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Recruiter

(3) A person whose licence to act as a recruiter is refused, revoked or suspended shall give written notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension to every employer, prospective employer or prospective employee who has engaged or used the services

of the recruiter within 30 days after the day on which the notice of refusal, revocation or suspension is served. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Applicant for review

(4) If a person applies for an application for review under subsection 74.1.13 (1), the person shall include that information in the notice required under subsection (2) or (3) of this section. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Terms and conditions of licence

74.1.8 A licence is subject to such terms and conditions as are prescribed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Licence not transferable

74.1.9 A licence is not transferable. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Expiry of licence

74.1.10 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a licence expires one year after the date it was issued or renewed or on the expiration of such longer period as may be prescribed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Same, renewal application

(2) If, before a person's licence expires, the person applies for a licence renewal in accordance with section 74.1.3, the licence remains valid until the licence is renewed or notice of the refusal to renew the licence is served. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Voluntary cancellation

74.1.11 (1) The Director may cancel a licence upon the request, in writing, of the licensee. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Same, notice

(2) Subsections 74.1.7 (2) and (3) apply with necessary modifications if a licence is cancelled under this section. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Public record

74.1.12 (1) The Director shall publish and maintain, in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed, a public record of the following on a website of the Government of Ontario:

1. The name of every person licensed under this Act, the date the person's licence was issued or renewed and the date the person's licence expires.
2. The name of every person whose licence has been revoked or suspended under this Act and the date of the revocation or suspension.
3. Any other prescribed information. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Freedom of information legislation

(2) The disclosure of personal information in a public record under this section is deemed to be in compliance with clause 42 (1) (e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Application for review

74.1.13 (1) A person whose application for a licence has been refused under section 74.1.5 or whose licence has been revoked or suspended under section 74.1.6 is entitled to a review of the refusal, revocation or suspension by the Board if the person applies to the Board, in writing, for a review within the period set out in subsection (2). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Period for applying for review

(2) An application for a review under subsection (1) shall be made within 30 days after the day on which notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension is served. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Hearing

(3) Subject to subsection 118 (2), the Board shall hold a hearing for the purposes of the review. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Same, timelines

(4) A review hearing shall be conducted in accordance with any timelines prescribed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Parties

(5) The parties to the review are the applicant for review and the Director. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Powers of Board

(6) The Board may, with necessary modifications, exercise the powers conferred on the Director under this Part and may substitute its findings for those of the Director. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Same

(7) Without limiting the generality of subsection (6), on a review under this section, the Board may uphold the Director's decision, vary or set aside the Director's decision or issue, renew or reinstate a licence. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Notice of decision

(8) If the Board upholds the Director's decision to refuse to issue or renew, or to revoke or suspend, a person's licence to operate a temporary help agency, the person shall give written notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension to every client and assignment employee of the agency within 30 days after the Board issues its decision. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Same

(9) If the Board upholds the Director's decision to refuse to issue or renew, or to revoke

or suspend, a person's licence to act as a recruiter, the person shall give written notice of the refusal, revocation or suspension to every employer, prospective employer and prospective employee who has engaged or used the services of the recruiter within 30 days after the Board issues its decision. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Certain review provisions applicable

(10) Subsections 116 (8) and (9), section 118 and subsections 119 (3), (4), (5), (13) and (14) apply, with necessary modifications, to a review under this section. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Further application

74.1.14 No applicant who is refused a licence or renewal of a licence or whose licence is revoked may apply to the Director for a licence unless,

- (a) at least two years have passed since the refusal or revocation; or
- (b) the applicant satisfies the Director that new evidence is available. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Director's authorization

74.1.15 (1) The Director may authorize an individual employed in the Ministry to exercise a power conferred on the Director under sections 74.1 to 74.1.14, either orally or in writing. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Residual power

(2) The Director may exercise a power conferred on the Director under sections 74.1 to 74.1.14 even if the Director has delegated it to an individual under subsection (1). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

Duty re: policies

(3) An individual authorized by the Director under subsection (1) shall follow any policies established by the Director under subsection 88 (2). 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 10.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Definitions

74.2 For the purposes of sections 5, 102 and 102.1, Part XXVII (Regulations) and such other sections of this Act as may be prescribed insofar as matters concerning this Part are concerned,

“employee” means an employee as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario; (“employé”)

“employer” means an employer as defined in subsection 1 (1) and includes a client of a temporary help agency, a recruiter or a prospective employer who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find or attempt to find an employee. (“employeur”) 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 11.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

74.2.1 REPEALED: 2019, c. 5, Sched. 3, s. 6.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Employment relationship

74.3 Where a temporary help agency and a person agree, whether or not in writing, that the agency will assign or attempt to assign the person to perform work on a temporary basis for clients or potential clients of the agency,

- (a) the temporary help agency is the person’s employer;
 - (b) the person is an employee of the temporary help agency. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.
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▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Work assignment

74.4 (1) An assignment employee of a temporary help agency is assigned to perform

work for a client if the agency arranges for the employee to perform work for a client on a temporary basis and the employee performs such work for the client. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(2) Where an assignment employee is assigned by a temporary help agency to perform work for a client of the agency, the assignment begins on the first day on which the assignment employee performs work under the assignment and ends at the end of the term of the assignment or when the assignment is ended by the agency, the employee or the client. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(3) An assignment employee of a temporary help agency does not cease to be the agency's assignment employee because,

- (a) he or she is assigned by the agency to perform work for a client on a temporary basis; or
- (b) he or she is not assigned by the agency to perform work for a client on a temporary basis. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(4) An assignment employee of a temporary help agency is not assigned to perform work for a client because the agency has,

- (a) provided the client with the employee's resume;
- (b) arranged for the client to interview the employee; or
- (c) otherwise introduced the employee to the client. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

OBLIGATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Agency to keep records re: work for client, termination

74.4.1 (1) In addition to the information that an employer is required to record under Part VI, a temporary help agency shall,

- (a) record the number of hours worked by each assignment employee for each client of the agency in each day and each week; and
- (b) retain a copy of any written notice provided to an assignment employee under subsection 74.10.1 (1). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 43.

Retention of records

(2) The temporary help agency shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain the records required under subsection (1) for three years after the day or week to which the information relates. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Availability

(3) The temporary help agency shall ensure that the records required to be retained under this section are readily available for inspection as required by an employment standards officer, even if the agency has arranged for another person to retain them. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Client to keep records re: work for client

74.4.2 (1) A client of a temporary help agency shall record the following information:

1. The name of each assignment employee assigned to perform work for the client.
2. The number of hours worked by each assignment employee assigned to perform work for the client in each day and each week. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 13.

Retention of records

(2) The client shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain the records required under subsection (1) for three years after the day or week to which the information relates. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4.

Availability

(3) The client shall ensure that the records required to be retained under this section are readily available for inspection as required by an employment standards officer, even if the client has arranged for another person to retain them. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2,

s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Recruiters to keep records

74.4.3 (1) A recruiter shall record the following information:

1. The name of each prospective employee who uses the recruiter to find or attempt to find employment.
2. The name and address of each employer or prospective employer who has engaged or used the services of the recruiter.
3. Such other information as may be prescribed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 14.

Records retention

(2) The recruiter shall retain or arrange for some other person to retain the records required under subsection (1) for three years after the recruiter ceases to provide services to the prospective employee, employer or prospective employer. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 14.

Availability for inspection

(3) The recruiter shall ensure that the records required to be retained under this section are readily available for inspection as required by an employment standards officer, even if the recruiter has arranged for another person to retain them. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 14.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Information re agency

74.5 (1) As soon as possible after a person becomes an assignment employee of a temporary help agency, the agency shall provide the following information, in writing, to the employee:

1. The legal name of the agency, as well as any operating or business name of the agency if different from the legal name.
2. Contact information for the agency, including address, telephone number and

one or more contact names. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Transition

(2) Where a person is an assignment employee of a temporary help agency on the day this section comes into force, the agency shall, as soon as possible after that day, provide the information required by subsection (1), in writing, to the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Information re assignment

74.6 (1) A temporary help agency shall provide the following information when offering a work assignment with a client to an assignment employee:

1. The legal name of the client, as well as any operating or business name of the client if different from the legal name.
2. Contact information for the client, including address, telephone number and one or more contact names.
3. The hourly or other wage rate or commission, as applicable, and benefits associated with the assignment.
4. The hours of work associated with the assignment.
5. A general description of the work to be performed on the assignment.
6. The pay period and pay day established by the agency in accordance with subsection 11 (1).
7. The estimated term of the assignment, if the information is available at the time of the offer. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(2) If information required by subsection (1) is provided orally to the assignment employee, the temporary help agency shall also provide the information to the assignment employee in writing, as soon as possible after offering the work assignment. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Transition

(3) Where an assignment employee is on a work assignment with a client of a temporary help agency or has been offered such an assignment on the day this section comes into force, the agency shall, as soon as possible after that day, provide the information required by subsection (1), in writing, to the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Information, rights under this Act

74.7 (1) The Director shall prepare and publish a document providing such information about the rights and obligations of assignment employees, temporary help agencies and clients under this Part as the Director considers appropriate. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(2) If the Director believes that a document prepared under subsection (1) has become out of date, the Director shall prepare and publish a new document. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(3) As soon as possible after a person becomes an assignment employee of a temporary help agency, the agency shall provide a copy of the most recent document published by the Director under this section to the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(4) If the language of an assignment employee is a language other than English, the temporary help agency shall make enquiries as to whether the Director has prepared a translation of the document into that language and, if the Director has done so, the agency shall also provide a copy of the translation to the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Transition

(5) Where a person is an assignment employee of a temporary help agency on the day this section comes into force, the agency shall, as soon as possible after that day, provide the document required by subsection (3) and, where applicable, by subsection (4), to the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Prohibitions

74.8 (1) A temporary help agency is prohibited from doing any of the following:

1. Charging a fee to an assignment employee in connection with him or her becoming an assignment employee of the agency.
2. Charging a fee to an assignment employee in connection with the agency assigning or attempting to assign him or her to perform work on a temporary basis for clients or potential clients of the agency.
3. Charging a fee to an assignment employee of the agency in connection with assisting or instructing him or her on preparing resumes or preparing for job interviews.
4. Restricting an assignment employee of the agency from entering into an employment relationship with a client.
5. Charging a fee to an assignment employee of the agency in connection with a client of the agency entering into an employment relationship with him or her.
6. Restricting a client from providing references in respect of an assignment employee of the agency.
7. Restricting a client from entering into an employment relationship with an assignment employee.
8. Charging a fee to a client in connection with the client entering into an employment relationship with an assignment employee, except as permitted by subsection (2).
9. Charging a fee that is prescribed as prohibited.
10. Imposing a restriction that is prescribed as prohibited. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Exception, par. 8 of subs. (1)

(2) Where an assignment employee has been assigned by a temporary help agency to perform work on a temporary basis for a client and the employee has begun to perform the work, the agency may charge a fee to the client in the event that the client enters into an employment relationship with the employee, but only during the six-month period beginning on the day on which the employee first began to perform work for the client of the agency. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the six-month period runs regardless of the duration of the assignment or assignments by the agency of the assignment employee to work for the client and regardless of the amount or timing of work performed by the assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(3.1) Subsection (2) does not apply if the Director,

- (a) refuses to issue or renew a licence under section 74.1.5 and the client enters into an employment relationship with the employee after the refusal;
 - (b) revokes the licence to operate the temporary help agency under section 74.1.6 and the client enters into an employment relationship with the assignment employee after the revocation;
 - (c) suspends the licence to operate the temporary help agency under section 74.1.6 and the client enters into an employment relationship with the assignment employee while the licence is suspended; or
 - (d) cancels the licence under section 74.1.11 and the client enters into an employment relationship with the assignment employee after the cancellation.
- 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 15.

Interpretation

(4) In this section, “assignment employee” includes a prospective assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Void provisions

74.9 (1) A provision in an agreement between a temporary help agency and an assignment employee of the agency that is inconsistent with section 74.8 is void. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(2) A provision in an agreement between a temporary help agency and a client that is

inconsistent with section 74.8 is void. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Transition

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply to provisions regardless of whether the agreement was entered into before or after the date on which section 74.8 comes into force. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Interpretation

(4) In this section, “assignment employee” includes a prospective assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Public holiday pay

74.10 (1) For the purposes of determining entitlement to public holiday pay under subsection 29 (2.1), an assignment employee of a temporary help agency is on a layoff on a public holiday if the public holiday falls on a day on which the employee is not assigned by the agency to perform work for a client of the agency. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Same

(2) For the purposes of subsection 29 (2.2), the period of a temporary lay-off of an assignment employee by a temporary help agency shall be determined in accordance with section 56 as modified by section 74.11 for the purposes of Part XV. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Termination of assignment

74.10.1 (1) A temporary help agency shall provide an assignment employee with one week’s written notice or pay in lieu of notice if,

- (a) the assignment employee is assigned to perform work for a client;
- (b) the assignment had an estimated term of three months or more at the time it was offered to the employee; and

(c) the assignment is terminated before the end of its estimated term. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 44.

Amount of pay in lieu

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the amount of the pay in lieu of notice shall be equal to the wages the assignment employee would have been entitled to receive had one week's notice been given in accordance with that subsection. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 44.

Exception

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the temporary help agency offers the assignment employee a work assignment with a client during the notice period that is reasonable in the circumstances and that has an estimated term of one week or more. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 44.

Same

(4) Subsection (1) does not apply if,

- (a) the assignment employee has been guilty of wilful misconduct, disobedience or wilful neglect of duty that is not trivial and has not been condoned by the temporary help agency or the client;
- (b) the assignment has become impossible to perform or has been frustrated by a fortuitous or unforeseeable event or circumstance; or
- (c) the assignment is terminated during or as a result of a strike or lock-out at the location of the assignment. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 44.

Same

(5) For greater certainty, for the purposes of clause (4) (b), if an assignment is terminated because the Director has refused to issue or renew, or has revoked or suspended, a licence to operate a temporary help agency under section 74.1.5 or 74.1.6, the assignment has not become impossible to perform or been frustrated by a fortuitous or unforeseeable event or circumstance. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 16.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Termination and severance

74.11 For the purposes of the application of Part XV to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees, the following modifications apply:

1. A temporary help agency lays off an assignment employee for a week if the employee is not assigned by the agency to perform work for a client of the agency during the week.
2. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 10, “excluded week” means a week during which, for one or more days, the assignment employee is not able to work, is not available for work, refuses an offer by the agency that would not constitute constructive dismissal of the employee by the agency, is subject to a disciplinary suspension or is not assigned to perform work for a client of the agency because of a strike or lock-out occurring at the agency.
3. An excluded week shall not be counted as part of the 13 or 35 weeks referred to in subsection 56 (2) but shall be counted as part of the 20 or 52 consecutive week periods referred to in subsection 56 (2).
4. Subsections 56 (3) to (3.6) do not apply to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees.
- 4.1 On and after November 6, 2009, subsection 58 (1) does not apply to a temporary help agency in respect of its assignment employees.
- 4.2 On and after November 6, 2009, a temporary help agency shall give notice of termination to its assignment employees in accordance with paragraph 4.3 rather than in accordance with section 57 if,
 - i. 50 or more assignment employees of the agency who were assigned to perform work for the same client of the agency at the same establishment of that client were terminated in the same four-week period, and
 - ii. the terminations resulted from the term of assignments ending or from the assignments being ended by the agency or by the client.
- 4.3 In the circumstances described in paragraph 4.2, notice of termination shall be given for the prescribed period or, if no applicable periods are prescribed,
 - i. at least eight weeks before termination, if the number of assignment employees whose employment is terminated is 50 or more but fewer than 200,

- ii. at least 12 weeks before termination, if the number of assignment employees whose employment is terminated is 200 or more but fewer than 500, or
 - iii. at least 16 weeks before termination, if the number of assignment employees whose employment is terminated is 500 or more.
5. A temporary help agency shall, in addition to meeting the posting requirements set out in clause 58 (2) (b) and subsection 58 (5), and despite clause 58 (2) (c), provide the information required to be provided to employees under that clause to each employee to whom it is required to give notice in accordance with paragraph 4.3 on the first day of the notice period or as soon after that as is reasonably possible.
6. Clauses 60 (1) (a) and (b) and subsection 60 (2) do not apply to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees.
7. A temporary help agency that gives notice of termination to an assignment employee in accordance with section 57 or paragraph 4.3 of this section shall, during each week of the notice period, pay the assignment employee the wages he or she is entitled to receive, which in no case shall be less than,
- i. in the case of any termination other than under clause 56 (1) (c), the total amount of the wages earned by the assignment employee for work performed for clients of the agency during the 12-week period ending on the last day on which the employee performed work for a client of the agency, divided by 12, or
 - ii. in the case of a termination under clause 56 (1) (c), the total amount of wages earned by the assignment employee for work performed for clients of the agency during the 12-week period immediately preceding the deemed termination date, divided by 12.
8. The lump sum that an assignment employee is entitled to be paid under clause 61 (1) (a) is a lump sum equal to the amount the employee would have been entitled to receive under paragraph 7 had notice been given in accordance with section 57 or paragraph 4.3 of this section.
9. Subsection 61 (1.1) does not apply to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees.

9.1 For purposes of the application of clause 63 (1) (e) to an assignment employee, the reference to section 58 in that clause shall be read as a reference to paragraph 4.3 of this section.

10. An excluded week shall not be counted as part of the 35 weeks referred to in clause 63 (1) (c) but shall be counted as part of the 52 consecutive week period referred to in clause 63 (1) (c).

11. Subsections 63 (2) to (2.4) do not apply to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees.

12. Subsections 65 (1), (5) and (6) do not apply to temporary help agencies and their assignment employees.

12.1 For purposes of the application of subsection 65 (4) to an assignment employee, the reference to section 58 in that subsection shall be read as a reference to paragraph 4.3 of this section.

13. If a temporary help agency severs the employment of an assignment employee under clause 63 (1) (a), (b), (d) or (e), severance pay shall be calculated by,

- i. dividing the total amount of wages earned by the assignment employee for work performed for clients of the agency during the 12-week period ending on the last day on which the employee performed work for a client of the agency by 12, and
- ii. multiplying the result obtained under subparagraph i by the lesser of 26 and the sum of,
 - A. the number of years of employment the employee has completed, and
 - B. the number of months of employment not included in subparagraph A that the employee has completed, divided by 12.

14. If a temporary help agency severs the employment of an assignment employee under clause 63 (1) (c), severance pay shall be calculated by,

- i. dividing the total amount of wages earned by the assignment employee for work performed for clients of the agency during the 12-week period immediately preceding the first day of the lay-off by 12, and

ii. multiplying the result obtained under subparagraph i by the lesser of 26 and the sum of,

- A. the number of years of employment the employee has completed, and
 - B. the number of months of employment not included in subparagraph A that the employee has completed, divided by 12.
- 2009, c. 9, s. 3; 2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (2-6); 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 6.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Transition

74.11.1 A temporary help agency that fails to meet the notice requirements of paragraph 4.3 of section 74.11 during the period beginning on November 6, 2009 and ending on the day before the *Good Government Act, 2009* receives Royal Assent has the obligations that the agency would have had if the failure had occurred on or after the day the *Good Government Act, 2009* receives Royal Assent. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (7).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

REPRISAL BY CLIENT

Reprisal by client prohibited

74.12 (1) No client of a temporary help agency or person acting on behalf of a client of a temporary help agency shall intimidate an assignment employee, refuse to have an assignment employee perform work for the client, terminate the assignment of an assignment employee, or otherwise penalize an assignment employee or threaten to do so,

- (a) because the assignment employee,
 - (i) asks the client or the temporary help agency to comply with their respective obligations under this Act and the regulations,
 - (ii) makes inquiries about his or her rights under this Act,

- (iii) files a complaint with the Ministry under this Act,
 - (iv) exercises or attempts to exercise a right under this Act,
 - (v) gives information to an employment standards officer,
 - (v.1) makes inquiries about the rate paid to an employee of the client for the purpose of determining or assisting another person in determining whether a temporary help agency complied with section 42.2, as it read immediately before the day section 10 of Schedule 1 to the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018* came into force,
 - (v.2) discloses the assignment employee's rate of pay to an employee of the client for the purpose of determining or assisting another person in determining whether a temporary help agency complied with section 42.2, as it read immediately before the day section 10 of Schedule 1 to the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018* came into force,
 - (v.3) discloses the rate paid to an employee of the client to the assignment employee's temporary help agency for the purposes of determining or assisting another person in determining whether a temporary help agency complied with section 42.2, as it read immediately before the day section 10 of Schedule 1 to the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018* came into force,
 - (vi) testifies or is required to testify or otherwise participates or is going to participate in a proceeding under this Act,
 - (vii) participates in proceedings respecting a by-law or proposed by-law under section 4 of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*,
 - (viii) is or will become eligible to take a leave, intends to take a leave or takes a leave under Part XIV,
 - (ix) makes inquiries about whether a person holds a licence to operate as a temporary help agency or a licence to act as a recruiter as required under Part XVIII.1; or
- (b) because the client or temporary help agency is or may be required, because of a court order or garnishment, to pay to a third party an amount owing to the assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 45; 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 22; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 17.

Onus of proof

(2) Subject to subsection 122 (4), in any proceeding under this Act, the burden of proof that a client did not contravene a provision set out in this section lies upon the client.

2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

REPRISAL BY RECRUITER

Reprisal by recruiter prohibited

74.12.1 (1) No recruiter or person acting on behalf of a recruiter shall intimidate or penalize, or attempt or threaten to intimidate or penalize, a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of the recruiter because the prospective employee,

- (a) asks the recruiter to comply with this Act and the regulations;
- (b) gives information to an employment standards officer;
- (c) testifies or is required to testify or otherwise participates or is going to participate in a proceeding under this Act; or
- (d) makes inquiries about whether a person holds a licence to operate as a temporary help agency or a licence to act as a recruiter as required under Part XVIII.1. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 18.

Onus of proof

(2) Subject to subsection 122 (4), in any proceeding under this Act, the burden of proof that a recruiter did not contravene a provision set out in this section lies upon the recruiter. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 18.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

ENFORCEMENT

Meeting under s. 102

74.13 (1) For the purposes of the application of section 102 in respect of this Part, the following modifications apply:

1. In addition to the circumstances set out in subsection 102 (1), the following are

circumstances in which an employment standards officer may require persons to attend a meeting under that subsection:

- i. The officer is investigating a complaint against a client.
 - ii. The officer, while inspecting a place under section 91 or 92, comes to have reasonable grounds to believe that a client has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an assignment employee.
 - iii. The officer acquires information that suggests to him or her the possibility that a client may have contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee.
 - iv. The officer wishes to determine whether a client, in whose residence an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee resides, is complying with this Act.
2. In addition to the persons referred to in subsection 102 (2), the following persons may be required to attend the meeting:
- i. The client.
 - ii. If the client is a corporation, a director or employee of the corporation.
 - iii. An assignment employee or prospective assignment employee.
3. If a person who was served with a notice under section 102 and who failed to comply with the notice is a client, a reference to an employer in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 102 (10) is a reference to the client.
4. If a person who was served with a notice under section 102 and who failed to comply with the notice is an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee, a reference to an employee in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 102 (10) is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee, as the case requires. 2009, c. 9, s. 3; 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (4, 5).

Interpretation, corporation

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection (1), if a client is a corporation, a reference to the client includes a director or employee who was served with a notice requiring him or her to attend the meeting or to bring or make available any records or other documents. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (6).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Time for response

74.13.1 (1) For the purposes of the application of section 102.1 in respect of this Part, the following modifications apply:

1. In addition to the circumstances set out in subsection 102.1 (1), the following are circumstances in which an employment standards officer may, after giving written notice, require persons to provide evidence or submissions to the officer within the period of time that he or she specifies in the notice:
 - i. The officer is investigating a complaint against a client.
 - ii. The officer, while inspecting a place under section 91 or 92, comes to have reasonable grounds to believe that a client has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee.
 - iii. The officer acquires information that suggests to him or her the possibility that a client may have contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee.
 - iv. The officer wishes to determine whether a client in whose residence an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee resides is complying with this Act.
2. If a person who was served with a notice under section 102.1 and who failed to comply with the notice is a client, a reference to an employer in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 102.1 (1) is a reference to a client.
3. If a person who was served with a notice under section 102.1 and who failed to comply with the notice is an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee, a reference to an employee in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 102.1 (3) is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee as the case requires. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (7).

Interpretation, corporations

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), if a client is a corporation, a reference to the client or person includes a director or employee who was served with a notice

requiring him or her to attend the meeting or to bring or make available any records or other documents. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (7).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Order to recover fees

74.14 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that a temporary help agency charged a fee to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee in contravention of paragraph 1, 2, 3, 5 or 9 of subsection 74.8 (1), the officer may,

- (a) arrange with the agency that it repay the amount of the fee directly to the assignment employee or prospective assignment employee;
- (a.1) order the agency to repay the amount of the fee to the assignment employee or prospective assignment employee; or
- (b) order the agency to pay the amount of the fee to the Director in trust. 2009, c. 9, s. 3; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 47.

Administrative costs

(2) An order issued under clause (1) (b) shall also require the temporary help agency to pay to the Director in trust an amount for administrative costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount owing. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Contents of order

(3) The order shall state the paragraph of subsection 74.8 (1) that was contravened and the amount to be paid. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Application of s. 103 (3) and (6) to (9)

(4) Subsections 103 (3) and (6) to (9) apply with respect to an order issued under this section with necessary modifications and for the purpose, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a reference to an employee is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Application of s. 105

(5) Section 105 applies with respect to repayment of fees by a temporary help agency to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee with necessary

modifications, including but not limited to the following:

1. The reference to clause 103 (1) (a) in subsection 105 (1) is a reference to clause (1) (a) of this section.
2. A reference to an employee is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee to whom a fee is to be paid. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Recovery of prohibited fees by client

74.15 If a temporary help agency charges a fee to a client in contravention of paragraph 8 or 9 of subsection 74.8 (1), the client may recover the amount of the fee in a court of competent jurisdiction. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Order for compensation, temporary help agency

74.16 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that a temporary help agency has contravened paragraph 4, 6, 7 or 10 of subsection 74.8 (1), the officer may order that the assignment employee or prospective assignment employee be compensated for any loss he or she incurred as a result of the contravention. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Terms of orders

(2) If an order issued under this section requires a temporary help agency to compensate an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee, it shall also require the agency to,

- (a) pay to the Director in trust,
 - (i) the amount of the compensation, and
 - (ii) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation; or
- (b) pay the amount of the compensation to the assignment employee or prospective assignment employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 48.

Contents of order

(3) The order shall state the paragraph of subsection 74.8 (1) that was contravened and the amount to be paid. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Application of s. 103 (3) and (6) to (9)

(4) Subsections 103 (3) and (6) to (9) apply with respect to orders issued under this section with necessary modifications and for the purpose, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a reference to an employee is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Order re client reprisal

74.17 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that section 74.12 has been contravened with respect to an assignment employee, the officer may order that the employee be compensated for any loss he or she incurred as a result of the contravention or that he or she be reinstated in the assignment or that he or she be both compensated and reinstated. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

Terms of orders

(2) If an order issued under this section requires the client to compensate an assignment employee, it shall also require the client to,

- (a) pay to the Director in trust,
 - (i) the amount of the compensation, and
 - (ii) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation; or
- (b) pay the amount of the compensation to the assignment employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 49.

Application of s. 103 (3) and (5) to (9)

(3) Subsections 103 (3) and (5) to (9) apply with respect to orders issued under this section with necessary modifications, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. A reference to an employer is a reference to a client.
- 2. A reference to an employee is a reference to an assignment employee. 2009,

c. 9, s. 3.

Agency obligation

(4) If an order is issued under this section requiring a client to reinstate an assignment employee in the assignment, the temporary help agency shall do whatever it can reasonably do in order to enable compliance by the client with the order. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Agency and client jointly and severally liable

74.18 (1) Subject to subsection (2), if an assignment employee was assigned to perform work for a client of a temporary help agency during a pay period, and the agency fails to pay the employee some or all of the wages described in subsection (3) that are owing to the employee for that pay period, the agency and the client are jointly and severally liable for the wages. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Same, more than one client

(2) If an assignment employee was assigned to perform work for more than one client of a temporary help agency during a pay period, and the agency fails to pay the employee some or all of the wages described in subsection (3) that are owing to the employee for that pay period, each client is jointly and severally liable with the agency for a share of the total wages owed to the employee that is in proportion to the number of hours the employee worked for that client during the pay period relative to the total number of hours the employee worked for all clients during the pay period. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Wages for which client may be liable

(3) A client of a temporary help agency may be jointly and severally liable under this section for the following wages:

1. Regular wages that were earned during the relevant pay period.
2. Overtime pay that was earned during the relevant pay period.
3. Public holiday pay that was earned during the relevant pay period.

4. Premium pay that was earned during the relevant pay period. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Agency primarily responsible

(4) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the temporary help agency is primarily responsible for an assignment employee's wages, but proceedings against the agency under this Act do not have to be exhausted before proceedings may be commenced to collect wages from the client of the agency. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Enforcement – client deemed to be employer

(5) For the purposes of enforcing the liability of a client of a temporary help agency under this section, the client is deemed to be an employer of the assignment employee. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

Same – orders

(6) Without restricting the generality of subsection (5), an order issued by an employment standards officer against a client of a temporary help agency to enforce a liability under this section shall be treated as if it were an order against an employer for the purposes of this Act. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Order re: recruiter reprisal

74.19 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that section 74.12.1 has been contravened with respect to a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter, the officer may order that the prospective employee be compensated for any loss incurred as a result of the contravention. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 19.

Terms of order

(2) If an order issued under this section requires the recruiter to compensate a prospective employee that has engaged or used the services of the recruiter, it shall also require the recruiter to,

- (a) pay to the Director in trust,
 - (i) the amount of the compensation, and

(ii) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation; or

(b) pay the amount of the compensation to the prospective employee. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 19.

Application of s. 103 (3) to (9)

(3) Subsections 103 (3) to (9) apply with respect to orders issued under this section with necessary modifications, including but not limited to the following:

1. A reference to an employer is a reference to a recruiter.
2. A reference to an employee is a reference to a prospective employee that has engaged or used the services of a recruiter. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 19.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XIX BUILDING SERVICES PROVIDERS

New provider

75 (1) This Part applies if a building services provider for a building is replaced by a new provider. 2000, c. 41, s. 75 (1).

Termination and severance pay

(2) The new provider shall comply with Part XV (Termination and Severance of Employment) with respect to every employee of the replaced provider who is engaged in providing services at the premises and whom the new provider does not employ as if the new provider had terminated and severed the employee's employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 75 (2).

Same

(3) The new provider shall be deemed to have been the employee's employer for the purpose of subsection (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 75 (3).

Exception

(4) The new provider is not required to comply with subsection (2) with respect to,

- (a) an employee who is retained by the replaced provider; or
- (b) any prescribed employees. 2000, c. 41, s. 75 (4).

Vacation pay

76 (1) A provider who ceases to provide services at a premises and who ceases to employ an employee shall pay to the employee the amount of any accrued vacation pay. 2000, c. 41, s. 76 (1).

Same

- (2) A payment under subsection (1) shall be made within the later of,
- (a) seven days after the day the employee's employment with the provider ceases; or
 - (b) the day that would have been the employee's next regular pay day. 2000, c. 41, s. 76 (2).

Information request, possible new provider

77 (1) Where a person is seeking to become the new provider at a premises, the owner or manager of the premises shall upon request give to that person the prescribed information about the employees who on the date of the request are engaged in providing services at the premises. 2000, c. 41, s. 77 (1).

Same, new provider

(2) Where a person becomes the new provider at a premises, the owner or manager of the premises shall upon request give to that person the prescribed information about the employees who on the date of the request are engaged in providing services for the premises. 2000, c. 41, s. 77 (2).

Request by owner or manager

(3) If an owner or manager requests a provider or former provider to provide information to the owner or manager so that the owner or manager can fulfil a request made under subsection (1) or (2), the provider or former provider shall provide the information. 2000, c. 41, s. 77 (3).

Use of information

78 (1) A person who receives information under this Part shall use that information only for the purpose of complying with this Part or determining the person's obligations or potential obligations under this Part. 2000, c. 41, s. 78 (1).

Confidentiality

(2) A person who receives information under section 77 shall not disclose it, except as authorized under this Part. 2000, c. 41, s. 78 (2).

PART XX LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

Definition

79 In this Part,

“director” means a director of a corporation and includes a shareholder who is a party to a unanimous shareholder agreement. 2000, c. 41, s. 79.

Application of Part

80 (1) This Part applies with respect to shareholders described in section 79 only to the extent that the directors are relieved, under subsection 108 (5) of the *Business Corporations Act* or subsection 146 (5) of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, of their liability to pay wages to the employees of the corporation. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (1).

Non-application

(2) This Part does not apply with respect to directors of corporations to which the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* applies or to which the *Co-operative Corporations Act* applies. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (2); 2010, c. 15, s. 224.

Same

(3) This Part does not apply with respect to directors, or persons who perform functions similar to those of a director, of a college of a health profession or a group of health professions that is established or continued under an Act of the Legislature. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (3).

Same

(4) This Part does not apply with respect to directors of corporations,

- (a) that have been incorporated in another jurisdiction;
- (b) that have objects that are similar to the objects of corporations to which the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* applies or to which the *Co-operative Corporations Act* applies; and
- (c) that are carried on without the purpose of gain. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (4); 2010, c. 15, s. 224.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Directors' liability for wages

81 (1) The directors of an employer are jointly and severally liable for wages as provided in this Part if,

- (a) the employer is insolvent, the employee has caused a claim for unpaid wages to be filed with the receiver appointed by a court with respect to the employer or with the employer's trustee in bankruptcy and the claim has not been paid;
- (b) an employment standards officer has made an order that the employer is liable for wages, unless the amount set out in the order has been paid or the employer has applied to have it reviewed;
- (c) an employment standards officer has made an order that a director is liable for wages, unless the amount set out in the order has been paid or the employer or the director has applied to have it reviewed; or
- (d) the Board has issued, amended or affirmed an order under section 119, the order, as issued, amended or affirmed, requires the employer or the directors to pay wages and the amount set out in the order has not been paid. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (1).

Employer primarily responsible

(2) Despite subsection (1), the employer is primarily responsible for an employee's wages but proceedings against the employer under this Act do not have to be exhausted before proceedings may be commenced to collect wages from directors under this Part. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (2).

Wages

(3) The wages that directors are liable for under this Part are wages, not including termination pay and severance pay as they are provided for under this Act or an employment contract and not including amounts that are deemed to be wages under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (3).

Vacation pay

(4) The vacation pay that directors are liable for is the greater of the minimum vacation pay provided in Part XI (Vacation With Pay) and the amount contractually agreed to by the employer and the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (4).

Holiday pay

(5) The amount of holiday pay that directors are liable for is the greater of the amount payable for holidays at the rate as determined under this Act and the regulations and the amount for the holidays at the rate as contractually agreed to by the employer and the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (5).

Overtime wages

(6) The overtime wages that directors are liable for are the greater of the amount of overtime pay provided in Part VIII (Overtime Pay) and the amount contractually agreed to by the employer and the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (6).

Directors' maximum liability

(7) The directors of an employer corporation are jointly and severally liable to the employees of the corporation for all debts not exceeding six months' wages, as described in subsection (3), that become payable while they are directors for services performed for the corporation and for the vacation pay accrued while they are directors for not more than 12 months under this Act and the regulations made under it or under any collective agreement made by the corporation. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (7).

(8) REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 50.

Contribution from other directors

(9) A director who has satisfied a claim for wages is entitled to contribution in relation to the wages from other directors who are liable for the claim. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (9).

Limitation periods

(10) A limitation period set out in section 114 prevails over a limitation period in any other Act, unless the other Act states that it is to prevail over this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (10).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

No relief by contract, etc.

82 (1) No provision in a contract, in the articles of incorporation or the by-laws of a corporation or in a resolution of a corporation relieves a director from the duty to act according to this Act or relieves him or her from liability for breach of it. 2000, c. 41, s. 82 (1).

Indemnification of directors

(2) An employer may indemnify a director, a former director and the heirs or legal representatives of a director or former director against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to satisfy an order under this Act, including an order which is the subject of a filing under section 126, reasonably incurred by the director with respect to any civil or administrative action or proceeding to which he or she is a party by reason of being or having been a director of the employer if,

- (a) he or she has acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the employer; and
- (b) in the case of a proceeding or action that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he or she had reasonable grounds for believing that his or her conduct was lawful. 2000, c. 41, s. 82 (2).

Civil remedies protected

83 No civil remedy that a person may have against a director or that a director may have against a person is suspended or affected by this Part. 2000, c. 41, s. 83.

PART XXI

WHO ENFORCES THIS ACT AND WHAT THEY CAN DO

Minister responsible

84 The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 84.

Director

85 (1) The Minister shall appoint a person to be the Director of Employment Standards to administer this Act and the regulations. 2000, c. 41, s. 85 (1).

Acting Director

(2) The Director's powers may be exercised and the Director's duties may be performed by an employee of the Ministry appointed as Acting Director if,

- (a) the Director is absent or unable to act; or
- (b) an individual who was appointed Director has ceased to be the Director and no new Director has been appointed. 2000, c. 41, s. 85 (2).

Same

(3) An Acting Director shall be appointed by the Director or, in the Director's absence, the Deputy Minister of Labour. 2000, c. 41, s. 85 (3).

Employment standards officers

86 (1) Such persons as are considered necessary to enforce this Act and the regulations may be appointed under Part III of the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006* as employment standards officers. 2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 33.

Certificate of appointment

(2) The Deputy Minister of Labour shall issue a certificate of appointment bearing his or her signature or a facsimile of it to every employment standards officer. 2000, c. 41, s. 86 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Delegation

87 (1) The Minister may, in writing, delegate to any person any of the Minister's powers or duties under this Act, subject to the limitations or conditions set out in the delegation. 2000, c. 41, s. 87 (1).

Same: residual powers

(2) The Minister may exercise a power or perform a duty under this Act even if he or

she has delegated it to a person under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 87 (2).

Powers and duties of Director

88 (1) The Director may exercise the powers conferred upon the Director under this Act and shall perform the duties imposed upon the Director under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (1).

Policies

(2) The Director may establish policies respecting the interpretation, administration and enforcement of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (2).

Authorization

(3) The Director may authorize an employment standards officer to exercise a power or to perform a duty conferred upon the Director under this Act, either orally or in writing. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (3).

Same: residual powers

(4) The Director may exercise a power conferred upon the Director under this Act even if he or she has delegated it to a person under subsection (3). 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (4).

Interest

(5) The Director may, with the approval of the Minister, determine the rates of interest and the manner of calculating interest for,

- (a) amounts owing under different provisions of this Act or the regulations, and
- (b) money held by the Director in trust. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 51.

Determinations not regulations

(6) A determination under subsection (5) is not a regulation within the meaning of Part III (Regulations) of the *Legislation Act, 2006*. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (6); 2006, c. 21, Sched. F, s. 136 (1).

Other circumstances

(7) Where money has been paid to the Director in trust and no provision is made for paying it out elsewhere in this Act, it shall be paid out to the person entitled to receive

it together with interest at the rate and calculated in the manner determined by the Director under subsection (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (7).

Surplus interest

(8) If the interest earned on money held by the Director in trust exceeds the interest paid to the person entitled to receive the money, the Director may use the difference to pay any service charges for the management of the money levied by the financial institution with which the money was deposited. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (8).

Hearing not required

(9) The Director is not required to hold a hearing in exercising any power or making any decision under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (9).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Director may reassign an investigation

88.1 (1) The Director may terminate the assignment of an employment standards officer to the investigation of a complaint and may assign the investigation to another employment standards officer. 2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (1).

Same

(2) If the Director terminates the assignment of an employment standards officer to the investigation of a complaint,

(a) the officer whose assignment is terminated shall no longer have any powers or duties with respect to the investigation of the complaint or the discovery during the investigation of any similar potential entitlement of another employee of the employer related to the complaint; and

(b) the new employment standards officer assigned to the investigation may rely on evidence collected by the first officer and any findings of fact made by that officer. 2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (1).

Inspections

(3) This section applies with necessary modifications to inspections of employers by employment standards officers. 2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (1).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Recognition of employers

88.2 (1) The Director may give recognition to an employer, upon the employer's application, if the employer satisfies the Director that it meets the prescribed criteria. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Classes of employers

(2) For greater certainty, the criteria under subsection (1) may be prescribed for different classes of employers. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Information re recognitions

(3) The Director may require any employer who is seeking recognition under subsection (1), or who is the subject of a recognition, to provide the Director with whatever information, records or accounts he or she may require pertaining to the recognition and the Director may make such inquiries and examinations as he or she considers necessary. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Publication

(4) The Director may publish or otherwise make available to the public information relating to employers given recognition under subsection (1), including the names of employers. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Validity of recognitions

(5) A recognition given under subsection (1) is valid for the period that the Director specifies in the recognition. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Revocation, etc., of recognitions

(6) The Director may revoke or amend a recognition. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Delegation of powers under s. 88.2

88.3 (1) The Director may authorize an individual employed in the Ministry to exercise a power conferred on the Director under section 88.2, either orally or in writing. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Residual powers

(2) The Director may exercise a power conferred on the Director under section 88.2 even if he or she has delegated it to an individual under subsection (1). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

Duty re policies

(3) An individual authorized by the Director under subsection (1) shall follow any policies established by the Director under subsection 88 (2). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 52.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Powers and duties of officers

89 (1) An employment standards officer may exercise the powers conferred upon employment standards officers under this Act and shall perform the duties imposed upon employment standards officers under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 89 (1).

Officers to follow policies

(2) An employment standards officer shall follow any policies established by the Director under subsection 88 (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 89 (2).

Hearing not required

(3) An employment standards officer is not required to hold a hearing in exercising any power or making any decision under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 89 (3).

Officers not compellable

90 (1) An employment standards officer is not a competent or compellable witness in a civil proceeding respecting any information given or obtained, statements made or received, or records or other things produced or received under this Act except for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties under it. 2000, c. 41, s. 90 (1).

Records

(2) An employment standards officer shall not be compelled in a civil proceeding to produce any record or other thing he or she has made or received under this Act except for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 90 (2).

Investigation and inspection powers

91 (1) An employment standards officer may, without a warrant, enter and inspect any place in order to investigate a possible contravention of this Act or to perform an inspection to ensure that this Act is being complied with. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (1).

Time of entry

(2) The power to enter and inspect a place without a warrant may be exercised only during the place's regular business hours or, if it does not have regular business hours, during daylight hours. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (2).

Dwellings

(3) The power to enter and inspect a place without a warrant shall not be exercised to enter and inspect a part of the place that is used as a dwelling unless the occupier of the dwelling consents or a warrant has been issued under section 92. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (3).

Use of force

(4) An employment standards officer is not entitled to use force to enter and inspect a place. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (4).

Identification

(5) An employment standards officer shall produce, on request, evidence of his or her appointment. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (5).

Powers of officer

- (6) An employment standards officer conducting an investigation or inspection may,
- (a) examine a record or other thing that the officer thinks may be relevant to the investigation or inspection;
 - (b) require the production of a record or other thing that the officer thinks may

be relevant to the investigation or inspection;

(c) remove for review and copying a record or other thing that the officer thinks may be relevant to the investigation or inspection;

(d) in order to produce a record in readable form, use data storage, information processing or retrieval devices or systems that are normally used in carrying on business in the place; and

(e) question any person on matters the officer thinks may be relevant to the investigation or inspection. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (6); 2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (2).

Written demand

(7) A demand that a record or other thing be produced must be in writing and must include a statement of the nature of the record or thing required. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (7).

Obligation to produce and assist

(8) If an employment standards officer demands that a record or other thing be produced, the person who has custody of the record or thing shall produce it and, in the case of a record, shall on request provide any assistance that is reasonably necessary to interpret the record or to produce it in a readable form. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (8).

Records and things removed from place

(9) An employment standards officer who removes a record or other thing under clause (6) (c) shall provide a receipt and return the record or thing to the person within a reasonable time. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (9).

Copy admissible in evidence

(10) A copy of a record that purports to be certified by an employment standards officer as being a true copy of the original is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original, and has the same evidentiary value. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (10).

Self-audit

(10.1) In addition to the powers set out in subsection (6), an employment standards officer conducting an inspection may, by giving written notice, require an employer to conduct an examination of the employer's records, practices or both in relation to one

or more provisions of this Act or the regulations. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 3.

Examination and report

(10.2) If an employer is required to conduct an examination under subsection (10.1), the employer shall conduct the examination and report the results of the examination to the employment standards officer in accordance with the notice. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 3.

Notice

(10.3) A notice given under subsection (10.1) shall specify,

- (a) the period to be covered by the examination;
- (b) the provision or provisions of this Act or the regulations to be covered by the examination; and
- (c) the date by which the employer must provide a report of the results of the examination to the employment standards officer. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 3.

Same

(10.4) A notice given under subsection (10.1) may specify,

- (a) the method to be used in carrying out the examination;
- (b) the format of the report; and
- (c) such information to be included in the employer's report as the employment standards officer considers appropriate. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 3.

Same

(10.5) Without restricting the generality of clause (10.4) (c), a notice given under subsection (10.1) may require the employer to include in the report to the employment standards officer,

- (a) an assessment of whether the employer has complied with this Act or the regulations;
- (b) if, pursuant to clause (a), the employer has included an assessment that the employer has not complied with this Act or the regulations;
 - (i) an assessment of whether one or more employees are owed wages, and

- (ii) a description of the measures that the employer has taken or will take to ensure that this Act or the regulations will be complied with; and
- (c) if, pursuant to subclause (b) (i), the employer has included an assessment that one or more employees are owed wages, the name of every employee who is owed wages, the amount of wages owed to each employee and an explanation of how the amount of wages owed to each employee was determined. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 3.

Obstruction

(11) No person shall hinder, obstruct or interfere with or attempt to hinder, obstruct or interfere with an employment standards officer conducting an investigation or inspection. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (11).

Same

(12) No person shall,

- (a) refuse to answer questions on matters that an employment standards officer thinks may be relevant to an investigation or inspection; or
- (b) provide an employment standards officer with information on matters the officer thinks may be relevant to an investigation or inspection that the person knows to be false or misleading. 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (12).

Separate inquiries

(13) No person shall prevent or attempt to prevent an employment standards officer from making inquiries of any person separate and apart from another person under clause (6) (e). 2000, c. 41, s. 91 (13).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

91.1 REPEALED: 2021, c. 25, Sched. 6, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Warrant

92 (1) A justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorizing an employment standards

officer named in the warrant to enter premises specified in the warrant and to exercise any of the powers mentioned in subsection 91 (6), if the justice of the peace is satisfied on information under oath that,

- (a) the officer has been prevented from exercising a right of entry to the premises under subsection 91 (1) or has been prevented from exercising a power under subsection 91 (6);
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer will be prevented from exercising a right of entry to the premises under subsection 91 (1) or will be prevented from exercising a power under subsection 91 (6); or
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that an offence under this Act or the regulations has been or is being committed and that information or other evidence will be obtained through the exercise of a power mentioned in subsection 91 (6). 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (1); 2009, c. 32, s. 51 (1).

Expiry of warrant

(2) A warrant issued under this section shall name a date on which it expires, which date shall not be later than 30 days after the warrant is issued. 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (2).

Extension of time

(3) Upon application without notice by the employment standards officer named in a warrant issued under this section, a justice of the peace may extend the date on which the warrant expires for an additional period of no more than 30 days. 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (3).

Use of force

(4) An employment standards officer named in a warrant issued under this section may call upon a police officer for assistance in executing the warrant. 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (4).

Time of execution

(5) A warrant issued under this section may be executed only between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., unless the warrant specifies otherwise. 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (5).

Other matters

(6) Subsections 91 (4) to (13) apply with necessary modifications to an officer executing a warrant issued under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 92 (6); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (27).

Same

(7) Without restricting the generality of subsection (6), if a warrant is issued under this section, the matters on which an officer executing the warrant may question a person under clause 91 (6) (e) are not limited to those that aid in the effective execution of the warrant but extend to any matters that the officer thinks may be relevant to the investigation or inspection. 2009, c. 32, s. 51 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Posting of notices

93 An employment standards officer may require an employer to post and to keep posted in or upon the employer's premises in a conspicuous place or places where it is likely to come to the attention of the employer's employees,

- (a) any notice relating to the administration or enforcement of this Act or the regulations that the officer considers appropriate; or
- (b) a copy of a report or part of a report made by the officer concerning the results of an investigation or inspection. 2000, c. 41, s. 93.

Powers under the *Canada Labour Code*

94 If a regulation is made under the *Canada Labour Code* incorporating by reference all or part of this Act or a regulation under it, the Board and any person having powers under this Act may exercise the powers conferred under the *Canada Labour Code* regulation. 2000, c. 41, s. 94.

Service of documents

95 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 8, where service of a document on a person is required or permitted under this Act, it may be served,

- (a) in the case of service on an individual, personally, by leaving a copy of the document with the individual;
- (b) in the case of service on a corporation, personally, by leaving a copy of the

document with an officer, director or agent of the corporation, or with an individual at any place of business of the corporation who appears to be in control or management of the place of business;

(c) by mail addressed to the person's last known business or residential address using any method of mail delivery that permits the delivery to be verified;

(d) by fax or email if the person is equipped to receive the fax or email;

(e) by a courier service;

(f) by leaving the document, in a sealed envelope addressed to the person, with an individual who appears to be at least 16 years of age at the person's last known business or residential address; or

(g) in a manner ordered by the Board under subsection (8). 2009, c. 9, s. 4; 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 10.

Same

(2) Service of a document by means described in clause (1) (a), (b) or (f) is effective when it is left with the individual. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(3) Subject to subsection (6), service of a document by mail is effective five days after the document is mailed. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(4) Subject to subsection (6), service of a document by a fax or email sent on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday or on any other day after 5 p.m. is effective on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(5) Subject to subsection (6), service of a document by courier is effective two days after the courier takes the document. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(6) Subsections (3), (4) and (5) do not apply if the person establishes that the service was not effective at the time specified in those subsections because of an absence,

accident, illness or cause beyond the person's control. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(7) If the Director considers that a manner of service other than one described in clauses (1) (a) to (f) is appropriate in the circumstances, the Director may direct the Board to consider the manner of service. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(8) If the Board is directed to consider the manner of service, it may order that service be effected in the manner that the Board considers appropriate in the circumstances. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Same

(9) In an order for service, the Board shall specify when service in accordance with the order is effective. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Proof of issuance and service

(10) A certificate of service made by the employment standards officer who issued an order or notice under this Act is evidence of the issuance of the order or notice, the service of the order or notice on the person and its receipt by the person if, in the certificate, the officer,

- (a) certifies that the copy of the order or notice is a true copy of it;
- (b) certifies that the order or notice was served on the person; and
- (c) sets out in it the method of service used. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

Proof of service

(11) A certificate of service made by the person who served a document under this Act is evidence of the service of the document on the person served and its receipt by that person if, in the certificate, the person who served the document,

- (a) certifies that the copy of the document is a true copy of it;
- (b) certifies that the document was served on the person; and
- (c) sets out in it the method of service used. 2009, c. 9, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XXII

COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT

COMPLAINTS

Complaints

96 (1) A person alleging that this Act has been or is being contravened may file a complaint with the Ministry in a written or electronic form approved by the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 96 (1).

Effect of failure to use form

(2) A complaint that is not filed in a form approved by the Director shall be deemed not to have been filed. 2000, c. 41, s. 96 (2).

Limitation

(3) A complaint regarding a contravention that occurred more than two years before the day on which the complaint was filed shall be deemed not to have been filed. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (18).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

96.1 REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 53.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

When civil proceeding not permitted

97 (1) An employee who files a complaint under this Act with respect to an alleged failure to pay wages or comply with Part XIII (Benefit Plans) may not commence a civil proceeding with respect to the same matter. 2000, c. 41, s. 97 (1).

Same, wrongful dismissal

(2) An employee who files a complaint under this Act alleging an entitlement to termination pay or severance pay may not commence a civil proceeding for wrongful

dismissal if the complaint and the proceeding would relate to the same termination or severance of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 97 (2).

(3) REPEALED: 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 20.

Withdrawal of complaint

(4) Despite subsections (1) and (2), an employee who has filed a complaint may commence a civil proceeding with respect to a matter described in those subsections if he or she withdraws the complaint within two weeks after it is filed. 2000, c. 41, s. 97 (4).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

When complaint not permitted

98 (1) An employee who commences a civil proceeding with respect to an alleged failure to pay wages or to comply with Part XIII (Benefit Plans) may not file a complaint with respect to the same matter or have such a complaint investigated. 2000, c. 41, s. 98 (1).

Same, wrongful dismissal

(2) An employee who commences a civil proceeding for wrongful dismissal may not file a complaint alleging an entitlement to termination pay or severance pay or have such a complaint investigated if the proceeding and the complaint relate to the same termination or severance of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 98 (2).

ENFORCEMENT UNDER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

When collective agreement applies

99 (1) If an employer is or has been bound by a collective agreement, this Act is enforceable against the employer as if it were part of the collective agreement with respect to an alleged contravention of this Act that occurs,

- (a) when the collective agreement is or was in force;
- (b) when its operation is or was continued under subsection 58 (2) of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*; or
- (c) during the period that the parties to the collective agreement are or were

prohibited by subsection 86 (1) of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* from unilaterally changing the terms and conditions of employment. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (1).

Complaint not permitted

(2) An employee who is represented by a trade union that is or was a party to a collective agreement may not file a complaint alleging a contravention of this Act that is enforceable under subsection (1) or have such a complaint investigated. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (2).

Employee bound

(3) An employee who is represented by a trade union that is or was a party to a collective agreement is bound by any decision of the trade union with respect to the enforcement of this Act under the collective agreement, including a decision not to seek that enforcement. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (3).

Membership status irrelevant

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) apply even if the employee is not a member of the trade union. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (4).

Unfair representation

(5) Nothing in subsection (3) or (4) prevents an employee from filing a complaint with the Board alleging that a decision of the trade union with respect to the enforcement of this Act contravenes section 74 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (5).

Exception

(6) Despite subsection (2), the Director may permit an employee to file a complaint and may direct an employment standards officer to investigate it if the Director considers it appropriate in the circumstances. 2000, c. 41, s. 99 (6).

If arbitrator finds contravention

100 (1) If an arbitrator finds that an employer has contravened this Act, the arbitrator may make any order against the employer that an employment standards officer could have made with respect to that contravention but the arbitrator may not issue a notice of contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 100 (1).

Same: Part XIII

(2) If an arbitrator finds that an employer has contravened Part XIII (Benefit Plans), the arbitrator may make any order that the Board could make under section 121. 2000, c. 41, s. 100 (2).

Directors and collective agreement

(3) An arbitrator shall not require a director to pay an amount, take an action or refrain from taking an action under a collective agreement that the director could not be ordered to pay, take or refrain from taking in the absence of the collective agreement. 2000, c. 41, s. 100 (3).

Conditions respecting orders under this section

(4) The following conditions apply with respect to an arbitrator's order under this section:

1. In an order requiring the payment of wages or compensation, the arbitrator may require that the amount of the wages or compensation be paid,
 - i. to the trade union that represents the employee or employees concerned, or
 - ii. directly to the employee or employees.
2. REPEALED: 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 21.
3. The order is not subject to review under section 116. 2000, c. 41, s. 100 (4).

Copy of decision to Director

(5) When an arbitrator makes a decision with respect to an alleged contravention of this Act, the arbitrator shall provide a copy of it to the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 100 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Arbitration and s. 4

101 (1) This section applies if, during a proceeding before an arbitrator, other than the Board, concerning an alleged contravention of this Act, an issue is raised concerning whether the employer to whom the collective agreement applies or applied and another person are to be treated as one employer under section 4. 2000, c. 41, s. 101

(1).

Restriction

(2) The arbitrator shall not decide the question of whether the employer and the other person are to be treated as one employer under section 4. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (2).

Reference to Board

(3) If the arbitrator finds it is necessary to make a finding concerning the application of section 4, the arbitrator shall refer that question to the Board by giving written notice to the Board. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (3).

Content of notice

(4) The notice to the Board shall,

(a) state that an issue has arisen in an arbitration proceeding with respect to whether the employer and another person are to be treated as one employer under section 4; and

(b) set out the decisions made by the arbitrator on the other matters in dispute. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (4).

Decision by Board

(5) The Board shall decide whether the employer and the other person are one employer under section 4, but shall not vary any decision of the arbitrator concerning the other matters in dispute. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (5).

Order

(6) Subject to subsection (7), the Board may make an order against the employer and, if it finds that the employer and the other person are one employer under section 4, it may make an order against the other person. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (6).

Exception

(7) The Board shall not require the other person to pay an amount or take or refrain from taking an action under a collective agreement that the other person could not be ordered to pay, take or refrain from taking in the absence of the collective agreement. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (7).

Application

(8) Section 100 applies, with necessary modifications, with respect to an order under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 101 (8).

ENFORCEMENT BY EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS OFFICER

Settlement by employment standards officer

101.1 (1) An employment standards officer assigned to investigate a complaint may attempt to effect a settlement. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9).

Effect of settlement

(2) If the employer and employee agree to a settlement under this section and do what they agreed to do under it,

- (a) the settlement is binding on them;
- (b) the complaint is deemed to have been withdrawn;
- (c) the investigation is terminated; and
- (d) any proceeding respecting the contravention alleged in the complaint, other than a prosecution, is terminated. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9).

Application of s. 112 (4), (5), (7) and (9)

(3) Subsections 112 (4), (5), (7) and (9) apply, with necessary modifications, in respect of a settlement under this section. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9).

Application to void settlement

(4) If, upon application to the Board, the employee or employer demonstrates that he, she or it entered into a settlement under this section as a result of fraud or coercion,

- (a) the settlement is void;
- (b) the complaint is deemed never to have been withdrawn;
- (c) the investigation of the complaint is resumed; and
- (d) any proceeding respecting the contravention alleged in the complaint that was terminated is resumed. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

101.2 REPEALED: 2000, c. 41, s. 101.2 (7).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Meeting may be required

102 (1) An employment standards officer may, after giving at least 15 days written notice, require any of the persons referred to in subsection (2) to attend a meeting with the officer in the following circumstances:

1. The officer is investigating a complaint against an employer.
2. The officer, while inspecting a place under section 91 or 92, comes to have reasonable grounds to believe that an employer has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee.
3. The officer acquires information that suggests to him or her the possibility that an employer may have contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee.
4. The officer wishes to determine whether the employer of an employee who resides in the employer's residence is complying with this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 102 (1); 2009, c. 32, s. 51 (3).

Attendees

(2) Any of the following persons may be required to attend the meeting:

1. The employee.
2. The employer.
3. If the employer is a corporation, a director or employee of the corporation. 2000, c. 41, s. 102 (2).

Notice

(3) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall specify the time and place at which the person is to attend and shall be served on the person in accordance with section 95. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (1).

Documents

(4) The employment standards officer may require the person to bring to the meeting or make available for the meeting any records or other documents specified in the notice. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (1).

Same

(5) The employment standards officer may give directions on how to make records or other documents available for the meeting. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (1).

Compliance

(6) A person who receives a notice under this section shall comply with it. 2000, c. 41, s. 102 (6).

Use of technology

(7) The employment standards officer may direct that a meeting under this section be held using technology, including but not limited to teleconference and videoconference technology, that allows the persons participating in the meeting to participate concurrently. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (2).

Same

(8) Where an employment standards officer gives directions under subsection (7) respecting a meeting, he or she shall include in the notice referred to in subsection (1) such information additional to that required by subsection (3) as the officer considers appropriate. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (2).

Same

(9) Participation in a meeting by means described in subsection (7) is attendance at the meeting for the purposes of this section. 2009, c. 9, s. 5 (2).

Determination if person fails to attend, etc.

(10) If a person served with a notice under this section fails to attend the meeting or fails to bring or make available any records or other documents as required by the notice, the officer may determine whether an employer has contravened or is contravening this Act on the basis of the following factors:

1. If the employer failed to comply with the notice,

- i. any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employer before the meeting, and
 - ii. any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employee before or during the meeting.
- 2. If the employee failed to comply with the notice,
 - i. any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employee before the meeting, and
 - ii. any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employer before or during the meeting.
- 3. Any other factors that the officer considers relevant. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (10).

Employer includes representative

(11) For the purposes of subsection (10), if the employer is a corporation, a reference to an employer includes a director or employee who was served with a notice requiring him or her to attend the meeting or to bring or make available any records or other documents. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (10).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Time for response

102.1 (1) An employment standards officer may, in any of the following circumstances and after giving notice, require an employee or an employer to provide evidence or submissions to the officer within the time that he or she specifies in the notice:

- 1. The officer is investigating a complaint against an employer.
- 2. The officer, while inspecting a place under section 91 or 92, comes to have reasonable grounds to believe that an employer has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee.
- 3. The officer acquires information that suggests to him or her the possibility that an employer may have contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee.
- 4. The officer wishes to determine whether the employer of an employee who

resides in the employer's residence is complying with this Act. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (11).

Service of notice

(2) The notice shall be served on the employer or employee in accordance with section 95. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (11).

Determination if person fails to respond

(3) If a person served with a notice under this section fails to provide evidence or submissions as required by the notice, the officer may determine whether the employer has contravened or is contravening this Act on the basis of the following factors:

1. Any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employer or the employee before the notice was served.
2. Any evidence or submissions provided by or on behalf of the employer or the employee in response to and within the time specified in the notice.
3. Any other factors that the officer considers relevant. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (11).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Order to pay wages

103 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that an employer owes wages to an employee, the officer may,

- (a) arrange with the employer that the employer pay the wages directly to the employee;
- (a.1) order the employer to pay wages to the employee; or
- (b) order the employer to pay the amount of wages to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (1); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 54.

Administrative costs

(2) An order issued under clause (1) (b) shall also require the employer to pay to the Director in trust an amount for administrative costs equal to the greater of \$100 and

10 per cent of the wages owing. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (2).

If more than one employee

(3) A single order may be issued with respect to wages owing to more than one employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (3).

(4), (4.1) REPEALED: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 7 (2).

Contents of order

(5) The order shall contain information setting out the nature of the amount found to be owing to the employee or be accompanied by that information. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (5).

Service of order

(6) The order shall be served on the employer in accordance with section 95. 2009, c. 9, s. 6.

Notice to employee

(7) An employment standards officer who issues an order with respect to an employee under this section shall advise the employee of its issuance by serving a letter, in accordance with section 95, on the employee. 2009, c. 9, s. 6.

(7.1)-(7.2) REPEALED: 2009, c. 9, s. 6.

Compliance

(8) Every employer against whom an order is issued under this section shall comply with it according to its terms. 2009, c. 9, s. 6.

Effect of order

(9) If an employer fails to apply under section 116 for a review of an order issued under this section within the time allowed for applying for that review, the order becomes final and binding against the employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (9).

Same

(10) Subsection (9) applies even if a review hearing is held under this Act to determine another person's liability for the wages that are the subject of the order. 2000, c. 41,

s. 103 (10).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Orders for compensation or reinstatement

104 (1) If an employment standards officer finds a contravention of any of the following Parts with respect to an employee, the officer may order that the employee be compensated for any loss he or she incurred as a result of the contravention or that he or she be reinstated or that he or she be both compensated and reinstated:

1. Part XIV (Leaves of Absence).
2. Part XVI (Lie Detectors).
3. Part XVII (Retail Business Establishments).
4. Part XVIII (Reprisal). 2000, c. 41, s. 104 (1); 2009, c. 9, s. 7.

Order to hire

(2) An employment standards officer who finds a contravention of Part XVI may order that an applicant for employment or an applicant to be a police officer be hired by an employer as defined in that Part or may order that he or she be compensated by an employer as defined in that Part or that he or she be both hired and compensated. 2000, c. 41, s. 104 (2).

Terms of orders

(3) If an order made under this section requires a person to compensate an employee, it shall also require the person to,

- (a) pay to the Director in trust,
 - (i) the amount of the compensation, and
 - (ii) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation; or
- (b) pay the amount of the compensation to the employee. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 55.

How orders apply

(4) Subsections 103 (3) and (5) to (9) apply, with necessary modifications, with respect to orders issued under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 104 (4).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Employee cannot be found

105 (1) If an employment standards officer has arranged with an employer or ordered an employer to pay wages under clause 103 (1) (a) or (a.1) to the employee and the employer is unable to locate the employee despite having made reasonable efforts to do so, the employer shall pay the wages to the Director in trust. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 56.

Settlements

(2) If an employment standards officer has received money for an employee under a settlement but the employee cannot be located, the money shall be paid to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 105 (2).

When money vests in Crown

(3) Money paid to or held by the Director in trust under this section vests in the Crown but may, without interest, be paid out to the employee, the employee's estate or such other person as the Director considers is entitled to it. 2000, c. 41, s. 105 (3).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Order against director, Part XX

106 (1) If an employment standards officer makes an order against an employer that wages be paid, he or she may make an order to pay wages for which directors are liable under Part XX against some or all of the directors of the employer and may serve a copy of the order in accordance with section 95 on them together with a copy of the order to pay against the employer. 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (1); 2009, c. 9, s. 8 (1).

Effect of order

(2) If the directors do not comply with the order or do not apply to have it reviewed, the order becomes final and binding against those directors even though a review

hearing is held to determine another person's liability under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (2).

Orders, insolvent employer

(3) If an employer is insolvent and the employee has caused a claim for unpaid wages to be filed with the receiver appointed by a court with respect to the employer or with the employer's trustee in bankruptcy, and the claim has not been paid, the employment standards officer may issue an order to pay wages for which directors are liable under Part XX against some or all of the directors and shall serve it on them in accordance with section 95. 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (3); 2009, c. 9, s. 8 (2).

Procedure

(4) Subsection (2) applies with necessary modifications to an order made under subsection (3). 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (4).

Maximum liability

(5) Nothing in this section increases the maximum liability of a director beyond the amounts set out in section 81. 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (5).

Payment to Director

(6) At the discretion of the Director, a director who is subject to an order under this section may be ordered to pay the wages in trust to the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 106 (6).

(7)-(9) REPEALED: 2009, c. 9, s. 8 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Further order, Part XX

107 (1) An employment standards officer may make an order to pay wages for which directors are liable under Part XX against some or all of the directors of an employer who were not the subject of an order under section 106, and may serve it on them in accordance with section 95,

- (a) after an employment standards officer has made an order against the employer under section 103 that wages be paid and they have not been paid and the employer has not applied to have the order reviewed;

(b) after an employment standards officer has made an order against directors under subsection 106 (1) or (3) and the amount has not been paid and the employer or the directors have not applied to have it reviewed;

(c) after the Board has issued, amended or affirmed an order under section 119 if the order, as issued, amended or affirmed, requires the employer or the directors to pay wages and the amount set out in the order has not been paid. 2000, c. 41, s. 107 (1); 2009, c. 9, s. 9 (1).

Payment to Director

(2) At the discretion of the Director, a director who is subject to an order under this section may be ordered to pay the wages in trust to the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 107 (2).

(3) REPEALED: 2009, c. 9, s. 9 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Compliance order

108 (1) If an employment standards officer finds that a person has contravened a provision of this Act or the regulations, the officer may,

- (a) order that the person cease contravening the provision;
- (b) order what action the person shall take or refrain from taking in order to comply with the provision; and
- (c) specify a date by which the person must do so. 2000, c. 41, s. 108 (1).

Payment may not be required

(2) No order under this section shall require the payment of wages, fees or compensation. 2009, c. 9, s. 10.

Other means not a bar

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) precludes an employment standards officer from issuing an order under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104, 106 or 107 and an order under this section in respect of the same contravention. 2009, c. 9, s. 10; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 22 (1).

Application of s. 103 (6) to (9)

(4) Subsections 103 (6) to (9) apply with respect to orders issued under this section with necessary modifications, including but not limited to the following:

1. A reference to an employer includes a reference to a client of a temporary help agency, a recruiter or a prospective employer who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find or attempt to find an employee.
2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee, a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario. 2009, c. 9, s. 10; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 57; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 22 (2, 3).

Injunction proceeding

(5) At the instance of the Director, the contravention of an order made under subsection (1) may be restrained upon an application, made without notice, to a judge of the Superior Court of Justice. 2000, c. 41, s. 108 (5).

Same

(6) Subsection (5) applies with respect to a contravention of an order in addition to any other remedy or penalty for its contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 108 (6).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Money paid when no review

109 (1) Money paid to the Director under an order under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104, 106 or 107 shall be paid to the person with respect to whom the order was issued unless an application for review is made under section 116 within the period required under that section. 2009, c. 9, s. 11; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 23.

Money distributed rateably

(2) If the money paid to the Director under one of those orders is not enough to pay all of the persons entitled to it under the order the full amount to which they are entitled, the Director shall distribute that money, including money received with respect to administrative costs, to the persons in proportion to their entitlement. 2009, c. 9, s. 11.

No proceeding against Director

(3) No proceeding shall be instituted against the Director for acting in compliance with this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 109 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Refusal to issue order

110 (1) If, after a person files a complaint alleging a contravention of this Act in respect of which an order could be issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104 or 108, an employment standards officer assigned to investigate the complaint refuses to issue such an order, the officer shall, in accordance with section 95, serve a letter on the person advising the person of the refusal. 2009, c. 9, s. 12; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 24.

Deemed refusal

(2) If no order is issued with respect to a complaint described in subsection (1) within two years after it was filed, an employment standards officer shall be deemed to have refused to issue an order and to have served a letter on the person advising the person of the refusal on the last day of the second year. 2009, c. 9, s. 12.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Time limit on recovery, employee's complaint

111 (1) If an employee files a complaint alleging a contravention of this Act or the regulations, the employment standards officer investigating the complaint may not issue an order for wages that became due to the employee under the provision that was the subject of the complaint or any other provision of this Act or the regulations if the wages became due more than two years before the complaint was filed. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (1).

Same, another employee's complaint

(2) If, in the course of investigating a complaint, an employment standards officer finds that an employer has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee who did not file a complaint, the officer may not issue an order for wages

that became due to that employee as a result of that contravention if the wages became due more than two years before the complaint was filed. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (2).

Same, inspection

(3) If an employment standards officer finds during an inspection that an employer has contravened this Act or the regulations with respect to an employee, the officer may not issue an order for wages that became due to the employee more than two years before the officer commenced the inspection. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (3).

(3.1)-(8) REPEALED: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (6).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

SETTLEMENTS

Settlement

112 (1) Subject to subsection (8), if an employee and an employer who have agreed to a settlement respecting a contravention or alleged contravention of this Act inform an employment standards officer in writing of the terms of the settlement and do what they agreed to do under it,

- (a) the settlement is binding on the parties;
- (b) any complaint filed by the employee respecting the contravention or alleged contravention is deemed to have been withdrawn;
- (c) any order made in respect of the contravention or alleged contravention is void; and
- (d) any proceeding, other than a prosecution, respecting the contravention or alleged contravention is terminated. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (1).

Compliance orders

(2) Clause (1) (c) does not apply with respect to an order issued under section 108. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (2).

Notices of contravention

(3) This section does not apply with respect to a notice of contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (3).

Payment by officer

(4) If an employment standards officer receives money for an employee under this section, the officer may pay it directly to the employee or to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (4).

Same

(5) If money is paid in trust to the Director under subsection (4), the Director shall pay it to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (5).

Administrative costs and collector fees

(6) If the settlement concerns an order to pay, the Director is, despite clause (1) (c), entitled to be paid,

(a) that proportion of the administrative costs that were ordered to be paid that is the same as the proportion of the amount of wages, fees or compensation ordered to be paid that the employee is entitled to receive under the settlement; and

(b) that proportion of the collector's fees and disbursements that were added to the amount of the order under subsection 128 (2) that is the same as the proportion of the amount of wages, fees or compensation ordered to be paid that the employee is entitled to receive under the settlement. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 58 (1).

Restrictions on settlements

(7) No person shall enter into a settlement which would permit or require that person or any other person to engage in future contraventions of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (7).

Same

(7.1) For greater certainty, no person shall enter into a settlement that would permit or require a temporary help agency or recruiter to operate or continue to operate without a licence in contravention of this Act. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 25 (1).

Application to void settlement

(8) If, upon application to the Board, the employee demonstrates that he or she entered into the settlement as a result of fraud or coercion,

- (a) the settlement is void;
- (b) the complaint is deemed never to have been withdrawn;
- (c) any order made in respect of the contravention or alleged contravention is reinstated;
- (d) any proceedings respecting the contravention or alleged contravention that were terminated shall be resumed. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (8).

Application to Part XVIII.1

(9) For the purposes of the application of this section in respect of Part XVIII.1, the following modifications apply:

1. A reference to an employer includes a reference to a client of a temporary help agency, a recruiter or a prospective employer who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find or attempt to find an employee.
2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee, a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario. 2009, c. 9, s. 13 (2); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 58 (2); 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 25 (2, 3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

NOTICES OF CONTRAVENTION

Notice of contravention

113 (1) If an employment standards officer believes that a person has contravened a provision of this Act, the officer may issue a notice to the person setting out the officer's belief and specifying the amount of the penalty for the contravention. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (1).

Amount of penalty

(1.1) The amount of the penalty shall be determined in accordance with the

regulations. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (1).

Penalty within range

(1.2) If a range has been prescribed as the penalty for a contravention, the employment standards officer shall determine the amount of the penalty in accordance with the prescribed criteria, if any. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (1).

Information

(2) The notice shall contain or be accompanied by information setting out the nature of the contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 113 (2).

Service

(3) A notice issued under this section shall be served on the person in accordance with section 95. 2009, c. 9, s. 14 (1).

(4) REPEALED: 2009, c. 9, s. 14 (1).

Deemed contravention

(5) The person shall be deemed to have contravened the provision set out in the notice if,

- (a) the person fails to apply to the Board for a review of the notice within the period set out in subsection 122 (1); or
- (b) the person applies to the Board for a review of the notice and the Board finds that the person contravened the provision set out in the notice. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (23).

Penalty

(6) A person who is deemed to have contravened this Act shall pay to the Minister of Finance the penalty for the deemed contravention and the amount of any collector's fees and disbursements added to the amount under subsection 128 (2). 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (23).

Same

(6.1) The payment under subsection (6) shall be made within 30 days after the day the notice of contravention was served or, if the notice of contravention is appealed,

within 30 days after the Board finds that there was a contravention. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (23); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (29).

Publication re notice of contraventions

(6.2) If a person, including an individual, is deemed under subsection (5) to have contravened this Act after being issued a notice of contravention, the Director may publish or otherwise make available to the general public the name of the person, a description of the deemed contravention, the date of the deemed contravention and the penalty for the deemed contravention. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (2).

Internet publication

(6.3) Authority to publish under subsection (6.2) includes authority to publish on the Internet. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (2).

Disclosure

(6.4) Any disclosure made under subsection (6.2) shall be deemed to be in compliance with clause 42 (1) (e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 59 (2).

Other means not a bar

(7) An employment standards officer may issue a notice to a person under this section even though an order has been or may be issued against the person under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104 or 108 or the person has been or may be prosecuted for or convicted of an offence with respect to the same contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 113 (7); 2009, c. 9, s. 14 (2); 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 26.

Trade union

(8) This section does not apply with respect to a contravention of this Act with respect to an employee who is represented by a trade union. 2000, c. 41, s. 113 (8).

Director

(9) This section does not apply with respect to a contravention of this Act by a director or officer of an employer that is a corporation. 2000, c. 41, s. 113 (9).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

LIMITATION PERIOD

Limitation period re orders and notices

114 (1) An employment standards officer shall not issue an order to pay wages, fees or compensation or a notice of contravention with respect to a contravention of this Act concerning an employee,

- (a) if the employee filed a complaint about the contravention, more than two years after the complaint was filed;
- (b) if the employee did not file a complaint but another employee of the same employer did file a complaint, more than two years after the other employee filed his or her complaint if the officer discovered the contravention with respect to the employee while investigating the complaint; or
- (c) if the employee did not file a complaint and clause (b) does not apply, more than two years after an employment standards officer commenced an inspection with respect to the employee's employer for the purpose of determining whether a contravention occurred. 2000, c. 41, s. 114 (1); 2009, c. 9, s. 15 (1).

Complaints from different employees

(2) If an employee files a complaint about a contravention of this Act by his or her employer and another employee of the same employer has previously filed a complaint about substantially the same contravention, subsection (1) shall be applied as if the employee who filed the subsequent complaint did not file a complaint. 2000, c. 41, s. 114 (2).

Exception

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if, prior to the day on which the subsequent complaint was filed, an employment standards officer had, with respect to the earlier complaint, already issued an order or advised the complainant that he or she was refusing to issue an order. 2000, c. 41, s. 114 (3).

Restriction on rescission or amendment

(4) An employment standards officer shall not amend or rescind an order to pay wages, fees or compensation after the last day on which he or she could have issued

that order under subsection (1) unless the employer against whom the order was issued and the employee with respect to whom it was issued consent to the rescission or amendment. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (24); 2009, c. 9, s. 15 (2).

Same

(5) An employment standards officer shall not amend or rescind a notice of contravention after the last day on which he or she could have issued that notice under subsection (1) unless the employer against whom the notice was issued consents to the rescission or amendment. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (24).

Application to Part XVIII.1

(6) For the purposes of the application of this section in respect of Part XVIII.1, the following modifications apply:

1. A reference to an employer includes a reference to a client of a temporary help agency, a recruiter or a prospective employer who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find or attempt to find an employee.
2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee, a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario. 2009, c. 9, s. 15 (3); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 60. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 27.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Meaning of “substantially the same”

115 (1) For the purposes of section 114, contraventions with respect to two employees are substantially the same if both employees became entitled to recover money under this Act as a result of the employer’s failure to comply with the same provision of this Act or the regulations or with identical or virtually identical provisions of their employment contracts. 2000, c. 41, s. 115 (1).

Application to Part XVIII.1

(1.1) For the purposes of the application of subsection (1) in respect of Part XVIII.1, the following modifications apply:

1. A reference to an employer includes a reference to a client of a temporary help

agency, a recruiter or a prospective employer who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find or attempt to find an employee.

2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee, a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario. 2009, c. 9, s. 16; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 61; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 28.

Exception, payment of wages, deductions

(2) Despite subsection (1), contraventions with respect to two employees are not substantially the same merely because both employees became entitled to recover money under this Act as a result of a contravention of section 11 or 13 if the contravention of the section was with respect to wages due under different provisions of this Act or the regulations or under provisions of their employment contracts which are not identical or virtually identical. 2000, c. 41, s. 115 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XXIII REVIEWS BY THE BOARD

REVIEWS OF ORDERS

Interpretation

115.1 In this Part, a reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee, a prospective assignment employee or a prospective employee who engages or uses the services of a recruiter to find employment in Ontario. 2009, c. 9, s. 17; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 62; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 29.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Review

116 (1) A person against whom an order has been issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104, 106, 107 or 108 is entitled to a review of the order by the Board if, within the period set out in subsection (4), the person,

- (a) applies to the Board in writing for a review;
- (b) in the case of an order under section 74.14 or 103, pays the amount owing under the order to the Director in trust or provides the Director with an irrevocable letter of credit acceptable to the Director in that amount; and
- (c) in the case of an order under section 74.16, 74.17, 74.19 or 104, pays the lesser of the amount owing under the order and \$10,000 to the Director in trust or provides the Director with an irrevocable letter of credit acceptable to the Director in that amount. 2009, c. 9, s. 18; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 30.

Employee seeks review of order

(2) If an order has been issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103 or 104 with respect to an employee, the employee is entitled to a review of the order by the Board if, within the period set out in subsection (4), the employee applies to the Board in writing for a review. 2009, c. 9, s. 18; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 30.

Employee seeks review of refusal

(3) If an employee has filed a complaint alleging a contravention of this Act or the regulations and an order could be issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104 or 108 with respect to such a contravention, the employee is entitled to a review of an employment standards officer's refusal to issue such an order if, within the period set out in subsection (4), the employee applies to the Board in writing for such a review. 2009, c. 9, s. 18; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 30.

Period for applying for review

(4) An application for a review under subsection (1), (2) or (3) shall be made within 30 days after the day on which the order, letter advising of the order or letter advising of the refusal to issue an order, as the case may be, is served. 2009, c. 9, s. 18.

Extension of time

(5) The Board may extend the time for applying for a review under this section if it considers it appropriate in the circumstances to do so and, in the case of an application under subsection (1),

- (a) the Board has enquired of the Director whether the Director has paid to the employee the wages, fees or compensation that were the subject of the order and

is satisfied that the Director has not done so; and

(b) the Board has enquired of the Director whether a collector's fees or disbursements have been added to the amount of the order under subsection 128 (2) and, if so, the Board is satisfied that fees and disbursements were paid by the person against whom the order was issued. 2009, c. 9, s. 18.

Hearing

(6) Subject to subsection 118 (2), the Board shall hold a hearing for the purposes of the review. 2009, c. 9, s. 18.

Parties

(7) The following are parties to the review:

1. The applicant for the review of an order.
2. If the person against whom an order was issued applies for the review, the employee with respect to whom the order was issued.
3. If the employee applies for the review of an order, the person against whom the order was issued.
4. If the employee applies for a review of a refusal to issue an order under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104 or 108, the person against whom such an order could be issued.
5. If a director of a corporation applies for the review, the applicant and each director, other than the applicant, on whom the order was served.
6. The Director.
7. Any other persons specified by the Board. 2009, c. 9, s. 18; 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 30.

Parties given full opportunity

(8) The Board shall give the parties full opportunity to present their evidence and make their submissions. 2009, c. 9, s. 18.

Practice and procedure for review

(9) The Board shall determine its own practice and procedure with respect to a review

under this section. 2009, c. 9, s. 18.

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Money held in trust pending review

117 (1) This section applies if money with respect to an order to pay wages, fees or compensation is paid to the Director in trust and the person against whom the order was issued applies to the Board for a review of the order. 2009, c. 9, s. 19.

Interest-bearing account

(2) The money held in trust shall be held in an interest-bearing account while the application for review is pending. 2000, c. 41, s. 117 (2).

If settlement

(3) If the matter is settled under section 112 or 120, the amount held in trust shall, subject to subsection 112 (6) or 120 (6), be paid out in accordance with the settlement, with interest, calculated at the rate and in the manner determined by the Director under subsection 88 (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 117 (3).

If no settlement

(4) If the matter is not settled under section 112 or 120, the amount paid into trust shall be paid out in accordance with the Board's decision together with interest calculated at the rate and in the manner determined by the Director under subsection 88 (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 117 (4).

▼ **Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

Rules of practice

118 (1) The chair of the Board may make rules,

- (a) governing the Board's practice and procedure and the exercise of its powers; and
- (b) providing for forms and their use. 2000, c. 41, s. 118 (1); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (27).

Expedited decisions

(2) The chair of the Board may make rules to expedite decisions about the Board's jurisdiction, and those rules,

- (a) may provide that the Board is not required to hold a hearing; and
- (b) despite subsection 116 (8), may limit the extent to which the Board is required to give full opportunity to the parties to present their evidence and to make their submissions. 2000, c. 41, s. 118 (2).

(3) REPEALED: 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 23.

Conflict with *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*

(4) If there is a conflict between the rules made under this section and the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, the rules under this section prevail. 2000, c. 41, s. 118 (4).

Rules not regulations

(5) Rules made under this section are not regulations within the meaning of Part III (Regulations) of the *Legislation Act, 2006*. 2000, c. 41, s. 118 (5); 2006, c. 21, Sched. F, s. 136 (1).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Powers of Board

119 (1) This section sets out the Board's powers in a review under section 116. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (1).

Persons to represent groups

(2) If a group of parties have the same interest or substantially the same interest, the Board may designate one or more of the parties in the group to represent the group. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (2).

Quorum

(3) The chair or a vice-chair of the Board constitutes a quorum for the purposes of this section and is sufficient for the exercise of the jurisdiction and powers of the Board under it. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (3).

Posting of notices

(4) The Board may require a person to post and to keep posted any notices that the Board considers appropriate even if the person is not a party to the review. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (4).

Same

(5) If the Board requires a person to post and keep posted notices, the person shall post the notices and keep them posted in a conspicuous place or places in or upon the person's premises where it is likely to come to the attention of other persons having an interest in the review. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (5).

Powers of Board

(6) The Board may, with necessary modifications, exercise the powers conferred on an employment standards officer under this Act and may substitute its findings for those of the officer who issued the order or refused to issue the order. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (6).

Dealing with order

(7) Without restricting the generality of subsection (6),

(a) on a review of an order, the Board may amend, rescind or affirm the order or issue a new order; and

(b) on a review of a refusal to issue an order, the Board may issue an order or affirm the refusal. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (7).

Labour relations officers

(8) Any time after an application for review is made, the Board may direct a labour relations officer to examine any records or other documents and make any inquiries it considers appropriate, but it shall not direct an employment standards officer to do so. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (8).

Powers of labour relations officers

(9) Sections 91 and 92 apply with necessary modifications with respect to a labour relations officer acting under subsection (8). 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (9).

Wages or compensation owing

(10) Subsection (11) applies if, during a review of an order requiring the payment of wages, fees or compensation or a review of a refusal to issue such an order,

(a) the Board finds that a specified amount of wages, fees or compensation is owing; or

(b) there is no dispute that a specified amount of wages, fees or compensation is owing. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (10); 2009, c. 9, s. 20 (1).

Interim order

(11) The Board shall affirm the order to the extent of the specified amount or issue an order to the extent of that amount, even though the review is not yet completed. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (11).

Interest

(12) If the Board issues, amends or affirms an order or issues a new order requiring the payment of wages, fees or compensation, the Board may order the person against whom the order was issued to pay interest at the rate and calculated in the manner determined by the Director under subsection 88 (5). 2009, c. 9, s. 20 (2).

Decision final

(13) A decision of the Board is final and binding upon the parties to the review and any other parties as the Board may specify. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (13).

Judicial review

(14) Nothing in subsection (13) prevents a court from reviewing a decision of the Board under this section, but a decision of the Board concerning the interpretation of this Act shall not be overturned unless the decision is unreasonable. 2000, c. 41, s. 119 (14).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Settlement through labour relations officer

120 (1) The Board may authorize a labour relations officer to attempt to effect a settlement of the matters raised in an application for review under section 116. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (1).

Certain matters not bar to settlement

(2) A settlement may be effected under this section even if,

- (a) the employment standards officer who issued the order or refused to issue the order does not participate in the settlement discussions or is not advised of the discussions or settlement; or
- (b) the review under section 116 has started. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (2).

Compliance orders

(3) A settlement respecting a compliance order shall not be made if the Director has not approved the terms of the settlement. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (3).

Effect of settlement

(4) If the parties to a settlement under this section do what they agreed to do under the settlement,

- (a) the settlement is binding on the parties;
- (b) if the review concerns an order, the order is void; and
- (c) the review is terminated. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (4).

Application to void settlement

(5) If, upon application to the Board, the employee demonstrates that he or she entered into the settlement as a result of fraud or coercion,

- (a) the settlement is void;
- (b) if the review concerned an order, the order is reinstated; and
- (c) the review shall be resumed. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (5).

Distribution

(6) If the order that was the subject of the application required the payment of money to the Director in trust, the Director,

- (a) shall distribute the amount held in trust with respect to wages, fees or compensation in accordance with the settlement; and
- (b) despite clause (4) (b), is entitled to be paid,

(i) that proportion of the administrative costs that were ordered to be paid that is the same as the proportion of the amount of wages, fees or compensation ordered to be paid that the employee is entitled to receive under the settlement, and

(ii) that proportion of the collector's fees and disbursements that were added to the amount of the order under subsection 128 (2) that is the same as the proportion of the amount of wages, fees or compensation ordered to be paid that the employee is entitled to receive under the settlement. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (6); 2009, c. 9, s. 21; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 63.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

REFERRAL OF MATTER UNDER PART XIII

Referral

121 (1) If, as a result of a complaint or otherwise, the Director comes to believe that an employer, an organization of employers, an organization of employees or a person acting directly on behalf of any of them may have contravened Part XIII (Benefit Plans), the Director may refer the matter to the Board. 2000, c. 41, s. 121 (1).

Hearing

(2) If a matter is referred to the Board under subsection (1), the Board shall hold a hearing and determine whether the employer, organization or person contravened Part XIII. 2000, c. 41, s. 121 (2).

Powers of Board

(3) If the Board determines that the employer, organization or person acting directly on behalf of an employer or organization contravened Part XIII, the Board may order the employer, organization or person,

- (a) to cease contravening that Part and to take whatever action the Board considers necessary to that end; and
- (b) to compensate any person or persons who may have suffered loss or been disadvantaged as a result of the contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 121 (3).

Certain review provisions applicable

(4) Subsections 116 (8) and (9), 118 (1), (4) and (5), 119 (1) to (5), (8), (9), (13) and (14) and 120 (1), (4) and (5) apply, with necessary modifications, with respect to a proceeding under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 121 (4); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 24.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

REVIEW OF NOTICE OF CONTRAVENTION

Review of notice of contravention

122 (1) A person against whom a notice of contravention has been issued under section 113 may dispute the notice if the person makes a written application to the Board for a review,

- (a) within 30 days after the date of service of the notice; or
- (b) if the Board considers it appropriate in the circumstances to extend the time for applying, within the period specified by the Board. 2000, c. 41, s. 122 (1).

Hearing

(2) The Board shall hold a hearing for the purposes of the review. 2000, c. 41, s. 122 (2).

Parties

(3) The parties to the review are the person against whom the notice was issued and the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 122 (3).

Onus

(4) On a review under this section, the onus is on the Director to establish, on a balance of probabilities, that the person against whom the notice of contravention was issued contravened the provision of this Act indicated in the notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 122 (4).

Decision

(5) The Board may,

- (a) find that the person did not contravene the provision and rescind the notice;

- (b) find that the person did contravene the provision and affirm the notice; or
- (c) find that the person did contravene the provision but amend the notice by reducing the penalty. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (28).

Collector's fees and disbursements

(6) If the Board finds that the person contravened the provision and if it extended the time for applying for a review under clause (1) (b),

- (a) before issuing its decision, it shall enquire of the Director whether a collector's fees and disbursements have been added to the amount set out in the notice under subsection 128 (2); and
- (b) if they have been added to that amount, the Board shall advise the person of that fact and of the total amount, including the collector's fees and disbursements, when it issues its decision. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (28).

Certain provisions applicable

(7) Subsections 116 (8) and (9), 118 (1), (4) and (5) and 119 (3), (4), (5), (13) and (14) apply, with necessary modifications, to a review under this section. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (28); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 25.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

GENERAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING THE BOARD

Persons from Board not compellable

123 (1) Except with the consent of the Board, none of the following persons may be compelled to give evidence in a civil proceeding or in a proceeding before the Board or another board or tribunal with respect to information obtained while exercising his or her powers or performing his or her duties under this Act:

1. A Board member.
2. The registrar of the Board.
3. An employee of the Board. 2000, c. 41, s. 123 (1).

Non-disclosure

(2) A labour relations officer who receives information or material under this Act shall not disclose it to any person or body other than the Board unless the Board authorizes the disclosure. 2000, c. 41, s. 123 (2).

When no decision after six months

124 (1) This section applies if the Board has commenced a hearing to review an order, refusal to issue an order or notice of contravention, six months or more have passed since the last day of hearing and a decision has not been made. 2000, c. 41, s. 124 (1).

Termination of proceeding

(2) On the application of a party in the proceeding, the chair may terminate the proceeding. 2000, c. 41, s. 124 (2).

Re-institution of proceeding

(3) If a proceeding is terminated according to subsection (2), the chair shall re-institute the proceeding upon such terms and conditions as the chair considers appropriate. 2000, c. 41, s. 124 (3).

PART XXIV COLLECTION

Third party demand

125 (1) If an employer, director or other person is liable to make a payment under this Act and the Director believes or suspects that a person owes money to or is holding money for, or will within 365 days owe money to or hold money for the employer, director or other person, the Director may demand that the person pay all or part of the money that would otherwise be payable to the employer, director or other person to the Director in trust on account of the liability under this Act. 2015, c. 27, Sched. 4, s. 1.

Same, duration

(1.1) A demand made under subsection (1) remains in force for 365 days from the date the notice of the demand is served. 2015, c. 27, Sched. 4, s. 1.

Client of temporary help agency

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), that subsection applies where a client of a temporary help agency owes money to or is holding money for a temporary help agency. 2009, c. 9, s. 22; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 64.

Service

(3) The Director shall, in accordance with section 95, serve notice of the demand on the person to whom the demand is made. 2009, c. 9, s. 22.

Discharge

(4) A person who pays money to the Director in accordance with a demand under this section is relieved from liability for the amount owed to or held for the employer, director or other person who is liable to make a payment under this Act, to the extent of the payment. 2009, c. 9, s. 22.

Liability

(5) If a person who receives a demand under this section makes a payment to the employer, director or other person with respect to whom the demand was made without complying with the demand, the person shall pay to the Director an amount equal to the lesser of,

- (a) the amount paid to the employer, director or other person; and
- (b) the amount of the demand. 2009, c. 9, s. 22.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Security for amounts owing

125.1 If the Director considers it advisable to do so, the Director may accept security for the payment of any amounts owing under this Act in any form that the Director considers satisfactory. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Warrant

125.2 If an order to pay money has been made under this Act, the Director may issue a warrant, directed to the sheriff for an area in which any property of the employer,

director or other person liable to make a payment under this Act is located, to enforce payment of the following amounts, and the warrant has the same force and effect as a writ of execution issued out of the Superior Court of Justice:

1. The amount the order requires the person to pay, including any applicable interest.
2. The costs and expenses of the sheriff. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Lien on real property

125.3 (1) If an order to pay money has been made under this Act, the amount the order requires the person to pay, including any applicable interest is, upon registration by the Director in the proper land registry office of a notice claiming a lien and charge conferred by this section, a lien and charge on any interest the employer, director or other person has in the real property described in the notice. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Lien on personal property

(2) If an order to pay money has been made under this Act, the amount the order requires the person to pay, including any applicable interest is, upon registration by the Director with the registrar under the *Personal Property Security Act* of a notice claiming a lien and charge under this section, a lien and charge on any interest in personal property in Ontario owned or held at the time of registration or acquired afterwards by the employer, director or other person liable to make a payment. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Amounts included and priority

(3) The lien and charge conferred by subsection (1) or (2) is in respect of all amounts the order requires the person to pay, including any applicable interest at the time of registration of the notice or any renewal of it and all amounts for which the person afterwards becomes liable while the notice remains registered and, upon registration of a notice of lien and charge, the lien and charge has priority over,

- (a) any perfected security interest registered after the notice is registered;

(b) any security interest perfected by possession after the notice is registered; and

(c) any encumbrance or other claim that is registered against or that otherwise arises and affects the employer, director or other person's property after the notice is registered. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Exception

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a notice of lien and charge under subsection (2) does not have priority over a perfected purchase money security interest in collateral or its proceeds and is deemed to be a security interest perfected by registration for the purpose of the priority rules under section 30 of the *Personal Property Security Act*. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Lien effective

(5) A notice of lien and charge under subsection (2) is effective from the time assigned to its registration by the registrar and expires on the fifth anniversary of its registration unless a renewal notice of lien and charge is registered under this section before the end of the five-year period, in which case the lien and charge remains in effect for a further five-year period from the date the renewal notice is registered. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Same

(6) If an amount payable under this Act remains outstanding and unpaid at the end of the period, or its renewal, referred to in subsection (5), the Director may register a renewal notice of lien and charge; the lien and charge remains in effect for a five-year period from the date the renewal notice is registered until the amount is fully paid, and is deemed to be continuously registered since the initial notice of lien and charge was registered under subsection (2). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Where person not registered owner

(7) Where an employer, director or other person liable to make a payment has an interest in real property but is not shown as its registered owner in the proper land registry office,

(a) the notice to be registered under subsection (1) shall recite the interest of the

employer, director or other person liable to make a payment in the real property; and

(b) a copy of the notice shall be sent to the registered owner at the owner's address to which the latest notice of assessment under the *Assessment Act* has been sent. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Secured party

(8) In addition to any other rights and remedies, if amounts owed by an employer, director or other person liable to make a payment remain outstanding and unpaid, the Director has, in respect of a lien and charge under subsection (2),

(a) all the rights, remedies and duties of a secured party under sections 17, 59, 61, 62, 63 and 64, subsections 65 (4), (5), (6), (6.1) and (7) and section 66 of the *Personal Property Security Act*;

(b) a security interest in the collateral for the purpose of clause 63 (4) (c) of that Act; and

(c) a security interest in the personal property for the purposes of sections 15 and 16 of the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*, if it is an article as defined in that Act. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Registration of documents

(9) A notice of lien and charge under subsection (2) or any renewal of it shall be in the form of a financing statement or a financing change statement as prescribed under the *Personal Property Security Act* and may be tendered for registration under Part IV of that Act, or by mail addressed to an address prescribed under that Act. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Errors in documents

(10) A notice of lien and charge or any renewal thereof is not invalidated nor is its effect impaired by reason only of an error or omission in the notice or in its execution or registration, unless a reasonable person is likely to be materially misled by the error or omission. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada) unaffected

(11) Subject to Crown rights provided under section 87 of that Act, nothing in this

section affects or purports to affect the rights and obligations of any person under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada). 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

Definitions

(12) In this section,

“real property” includes fixtures and any interest of a person as lessee of real property. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 65.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Filing of order

126 (1) If an order to pay money has been made under this Act, the Director may cause a copy of the order, certified by the Director to be a true copy, to be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. 2000, c. 41, s. 126 (1).

Advice to person against whom order was made

(2) If the Director files a copy of the order, he or she shall serve a letter in accordance with section 95 upon the person against whom the order was issued advising the person of the filing. 2000, c. 41, s. 126 (2).

Certificate enforceable

(3) The Director may enforce an order filed under subsection (1) in the same manner as a judgment or order of the court. 2000, c. 41, s. 126 (3).

Notices of contravention

(4) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) apply, with necessary modifications, to a notice of contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 126 (4).

COLLECTORS

Director may authorize collector

127 (1) The Director may authorize a collector to exercise those powers that the Director specifies in the authorization to collect amounts owing under this Act or under an order made by a reciprocating state to which section 130 applies. 2000, c. 41, s. 127 (1).

Same

(2) The Director may specify his or her powers under sections 125, 125.1, 125.2, 125.3, 126, 130 and subsection 135 (3) and the Board's powers under section 19 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* in an authorization under subsection (1). 2000, c. 41, s. 127 (2); 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 66 (1).

Costs of collection

(3) Despite clause 22 (a) of the *Collection and Debt Settlement Services Act*, the Director may also authorize the collector to collect a reasonable fee or reasonable disbursements or both from each person from whom the collector seeks to collect amounts owing under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 127 (3); 2013, c. 13, Sched. 1, s. 12.

Same

(4) The Director may impose conditions on an authorization under subsection (3) and may determine what constitutes a reasonable fee or reasonable disbursements for the purposes of that subsection. 2000, c. 41, s. 127 (4).

Exception re disbursements

(5) The Director shall not authorize a collector who is required to be registered under the *Collection and Debt Settlement Services Act* to collect disbursements. 2000, c. 41, s. 127 (5); 2013, c. 13, Sched. 1, s. 12.

Disclosure

(6) The Director may disclose, or allow to be disclosed, information collected under the authority of this Act or the regulations to a collector for the purpose of collecting an amount payable under this Act. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 66 (2).

Same

(7) Any disclosure of personal information made under subsection (6) shall be deemed to be in compliance with clause 42 (1) (d) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 66 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Collector's powers

128 (1) A collector may exercise any of the powers specified in an authorization of the Director under section 127. 2000, c. 41, s. 128 (1).

Fees and disbursements part of order

(2) If a collector is seeking to collect an amount owing under an order or notice of contravention, any fees and disbursements authorized under subsection 127 (3) shall be deemed to be owing under and shall be deemed to be added to the amount of the order or notice of contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 128 (2).

Distribution of money collected re wages or compensation

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a collector,

- (a) shall pay any amount collected with respect to wages, fees or compensation,
 - (i) to the Director in trust, or
 - (ii) with the written consent of the Director, to the person entitled to the wages, fees or compensation;
- (b) shall pay any amount collected with respect to administrative costs to the Director;
- (c) shall pay any amount collected with respect to a notice of contravention to the Minister of Finance; and
- (d) may retain any amount collected with respect to the fees and disbursements. 2000, c. 41, s. 128 (3); 2009, c. 9, s. 23.

Apportionment

(4) If the money collected is less than the full amount owing to all persons, including the Director and the collector, the money shall be apportioned among those to whom it is owing in the proportion each is owed and paid to them. 2000, c. 41, s. 128 (4).

Disclosure by collector

(5) A collector may disclose to the Director or allow to be disclosed to the Director any information that was collected under the authority of this Act or the regulations for the purpose of collecting an amount payable under this Act. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 67.

Same

(6) Any disclosure of personal information made under subsection (5) shall be deemed to be in compliance with clause 42 (1) (d) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 67.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Settlement by collector

129 (1) A collector may agree to a settlement with the person from whom he or she seeks to collect money, but only with the written agreement of,

- (a) the person to whom the money is owed; or
- (b) in the case of a notice of contravention, the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 129 (1).

Restriction

(2) A collector shall not agree to a settlement under clause (1) (a) without the Director's written approval if the person to whom the money is owed would receive less than,

- (a) 75 per cent of the money to which he or she was entitled; or
- (b) if another percentage is prescribed, the prescribed percentage of the money to which he or she was entitled. 2000, c. 41, s. 129 (2).

Orders void where settlement

(3) If an order to pay has been made under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 74.19, 103, 104, 106 or 107 and a settlement respecting the money that was found to be owing is made under this section, the order is void and the settlement is binding if the person against whom the order was issued does what the person agreed to do under the settlement unless, on application to the Board, the individual to whom the money was ordered to be paid demonstrates that the settlement was entered into as a result of fraud or coercion. 2009, c. 9, s. 24 (1); 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 31.

Notice of contravention

(4) If a settlement respecting money that is owing under a notice of contravention is made under this section, the notice is void if the person against whom the notice was issued does what the person agreed to do under the settlement. 2000, c. 41, s. 129 (4);

2009, c. 9, s. 24 (2).

Payment

(5) The person who owes money under a settlement shall pay the amount agreed upon to the collector, who shall pay it out in accordance with section 128. 2000, c. 41, s. 129 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS

Definitions

130 (1) In this section,

“order” includes a judgment and, in the case of a state whose employment standards legislation contains a provision substantially similar to subsection 126 (1), includes a certificate of an order for the payment of money owing under that legislation; (“ordonnance”)

“state” includes another province or territory of Canada, a foreign state and a political subdivision of a state. (“État”) 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (1).

Reciprocating states

(2) The prescribed states are reciprocating states for the purposes of this section and the prescribed authorities with respect to those states are the authorities who may make applications under this section. 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (2).

Application for enforcement

(3) The designated authority of a reciprocating state may apply to the Director for enforcement of an order for the payment of money issued under the employment standards legislation of that state. 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (3).

Copy of order

(4) The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the order, certified as a true copy,

(a) by the court in which the order was filed, if the employment standards

legislation of the reciprocating state provides for the filing of the order in a court; or

(b) by the designated authority, if the employment standards legislation of the reciprocating state does not provide for the filing of the order in a court. 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (4).

Enforcement

(5) The Director may file a copy of the order in a court of competent jurisdiction and, upon its filing, the order is enforceable as a judgment or order of the court,

(a) at the instance and in favour of the Director; or

(b) at the instance and in favour of the designated authority. 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (5).

Costs

(6) The Director or the designated authority, as the case may be,

(a) is entitled to the costs of enforcing the order as if it were an order of the court in which the copy of it was filed; and

(b) may recover those costs in the same manner as sums payable under such an order may be recovered. 2000, c. 41, s. 130 (6).

PART XXV OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS

OFFENCES

Offence to keep false records

131 (1) No person shall make, keep or produce false records or other documents that are required to be kept under this Act or participate or acquiesce in the making, keeping or production of false records or other documents that are required to be kept under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 131 (1).

False or misleading information

(2) No person shall provide false or misleading information under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 131 (2).

General offence

132 A person who contravenes this Act or the regulations or fails to comply with an order, direction or other requirement under this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable,

- (a) if the person is an individual, to a fine of not more than \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 12 months or to both;
- (b) subject to clause (c), if the person is a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$100,000; and
- (c) if the person is a corporation that has previously been convicted of an offence under this Act or a predecessor to it,
 - (i) if the person has one previous conviction, to a fine of not more than \$250,000, and
 - (ii) if the person has more than one previous conviction, to a fine of not more than \$500,000. 2000, c. 41, s. 132; 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 4.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Additional orders

133 (1) If an employer is convicted under section 132 of contravening section 74 or paragraph 4, 6, 7 or 10 of subsection 74.8 (1), if a client is convicted under section 132 of contravening section 74.12 or if a recruiter is convicted under section 132 of contravening section 74.12.1, the court shall, in addition to any fine or term of imprisonment that is imposed, order that the employer, client or recruiter, as the case may be, take specific action or refrain from taking specific action to remedy the contravention. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 32.

Same

(2) Without restricting the generality of subsection (1), the order made by the court may require one or more of the following:

1. A person be paid any wages that are owing to him or her.
2. In the case of a conviction under section 132 of contravening section 74 or 74.12, a person be reinstated.

3. A person be compensated for any loss incurred by him or her as a result of the contravention. 2009, c. 9, s. 25.

Part XVI

(3) If the contravention of section 74 was in relation to Part XVI (Lie Detectors) and the contravention affected an applicant for employment or an applicant to be a police officer, the court may require that the employer hire the applicant or compensate him or her or both hire and compensate him or her. 2000, c. 41, s. 133 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Offence re order for reinstatement

134 A person who fails to comply with an order issued under section 133 is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable,

- (a) if the person is an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000 for each day during which the failure to comply continues or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or to both; and
- (b) if the person is a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$4,000 for each day during which the failure to comply continues. 2000, c. 41, s. 134; 2009, c. 9, s. 26.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Additional orders re other contraventions

135 (1) If an employer is convicted under section 132 of contravening a provision of this Act other than section 74 or paragraph 4, 6, 7 or 10 of subsection 74.8 (1), the court shall, in addition to any fine or term of imprisonment that is imposed, assess any amount owing to an employee affected by the contravention and order the employer to pay the amount assessed to the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 135 (1); 2009, c. 9, s. 27.

Collection by Director

(2) The Director shall attempt to collect the amount ordered to be paid under subsection (1) and if he or she is successful shall distribute it to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 135 (2).

Enforcement of order

(3) An order under subsection (1) may be filed by the Director in a court of competent jurisdiction and upon filing shall be deemed to be an order of that court for the purposes of enforcement. 2000, c. 41, s. 135 (3).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Offence re directors' liability

136 (1) A director of a corporation is guilty of an offence if the director,

- (a) fails to comply with an order of an employment standards officer under section 106 or 107 and has not applied for a review of that order; or
- (b) fails to comply with an order issued under section 106 or 107 that has been amended or affirmed by the Board on a review of the order under section 116 or with a new order issued by the Board on such a review. 2000, c. 41, s. 136 (1).

Penalty

(2) A director convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is liable to a fine of not more than \$50,000. 2000, c. 41, s. 136 (2).

Offence re permitting offence by corporation

137 (1) If a corporation contravenes this Act or the regulations, an officer, director or agent of the corporation or a person acting or claiming to act in that capacity who authorizes or permits the contravention or acquiesces in it is a party to and guilty of the offence and is liable on conviction to the fine or imprisonment provided for the offence. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (1).

Same

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted or convicted of the offence. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (2).

Onus of proof

(3) In a trial of an individual who is prosecuted under subsection (1), the onus is on the individual to prove that he or she did not authorize, permit or acquiesce in the contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (3).

Additional penalty

(4) If an individual is convicted under this section, the court may, in addition to any other fine or term of imprisonment that is imposed, assess any amount owing to an employee affected by the contravention and order the individual to pay the amount assessed to the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (4).

Collection by Director

(5) The Director shall attempt to collect the amount ordered to be paid under subsection (4) and if he or she is successful shall distribute it to the employee. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (5).

No prosecution without consent

(6) No prosecution shall be commenced under this section without the consent of the Director. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (6).

Proof of consent

(7) The production of a document that appears to show that the Director has consented to a prosecution under this section is admissible as evidence of the Director's consent. 2000, c. 41, s. 137 (7).

Prosecution of employment standards officer

137.1 (1) No prosecution of an employment standards officer shall be commenced with respect to an alleged contravention of subsection 89 (2) without the consent of the Deputy Attorney General. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (29).

Proof of consent

(2) The production of a document that appears to show that the Deputy Attorney General has consented to a prosecution of an employment standards officer is admissible as evidence of his or her consent. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (29).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Where prosecution may be heard

138 (1) Despite section 29 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, the prosecution of an offence

under this Act may be heard and determined by the Ontario Court of Justice sitting in the area where the accused is resident or carries on business, if the prosecutor so elects. 2000, c. 41, s. 138 (1).

Election to have judge preside

(2) The Attorney General or an agent for the Attorney General may by notice to the clerk of the court require that a judge of the court hear and determine the prosecution. 2000, c. 41, s. 138 (2).

Publication re convictions

138.1 (1) If a person, including an individual, is convicted of an offence under this Act, the Director may publish or otherwise make available to the general public the name of the person, a description of the offence, the date of the conviction and the person's sentence. 2004, c. 21, s. 9.

Internet publication

(2) Authority to publish under subsection (1) includes authority to publish on the Internet. 2004, c. 21, s. 9.

Disclosure

(3) Any disclosure made under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be in compliance with clause 42 (1) (e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2004, c. 21, s. 9; 2006, c. 34, Sched. C, s. 23.

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Limitation period

139 No prosecution shall be commenced under this Act more than two years after the date on which the offence was committed or alleged to have been committed. 2000, c. 41, s. 139.

PART XXVI

MISCELLANEOUS EVIDENTIARY PROVISIONS

Copy constitutes evidence

140 (1) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a copy of an order or notice of contravention that appears to be made under this Act or the regulations and signed by an employment standards officer or the Board is evidence of the order or notice and of the facts appearing in it without proof of the signature or office of the person appearing to have signed the order or notice. 2000, c. 41, s. 140 (1).

Same

(2) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a copy of a record or other document or an extract from a record or other document that appears to be certified as a true copy or accurate extract by an employment standards officer is evidence of the record or document or the extracted part of the record or document and of the facts appearing in the record, document or extract without proof of the signature or office of the person appearing to have certified the copy or extract or any other proof. 2000, c. 41, s. 140 (2).

Same

(2.1) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a copy of a record or other document or an extract from a record or other document that appears to be certified as a true copy or accurate extract by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board is evidence of the record or document or the extracted part of the record or document and of the facts appearing in the record, document or extract without proof of the signature or office of the person appearing to have certified the copy or extract or any other proof. 2021, c. 9, s. 4.

Certificate of Director constitutes evidence

(3) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a certificate that appears to be signed by the Director setting out that the records of the ministry indicate that a person has failed to make the payment required by an order or a notice of contravention issued under this Act is evidence of the failure to make that payment without further proof. 2000, c. 41, s. 140 (3); 2009, c. 9, s. 28.

Same, collector

(4) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a certificate shown by a collector that appears to be signed by the Director setting out any of the following facts is evidence of the fact without further proof:

1. The Director has authorized the collector to collect amounts owing under this Act.
2. The Director has authorized the collector to collect a reasonable fee or reasonable disbursements or both.
3. The Director has, or has not, imposed conditions on an authorization described in paragraph 2 and has, or has not, determined what constitutes a reasonable fee or reasonable disbursements.
4. Any conditions imposed by the Director on an authorization described in paragraph 2.
5. The Director has approved a settlement under subsection 129 (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 140 (4).

Same, date of complaint

(5) In a prosecution or other proceeding under this Act, a certificate that appears to be signed by the Director setting out the date on which the records of the ministry indicate that a complaint was filed is evidence of that date without further proof. 2000, c. 41, s. 140 (5).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XXVII REGULATIONS

Regulations

141 (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make the following regulations:

1. Prescribing anything for the purposes of any provision of this Act that makes reference to a thing that is prescribed.
 - 1.1 Prescribing a method of payment for the purposes of clause 11 (2) (d) and establishing any terms, conditions or limitations on its use.
 - 1.2 Prescribing a method of payment for the purposes of clause 14.1 (1) (d) and establishing any terms, conditions or limitations on its use.

2. Establishing rules respecting the application of the minimum wage provisions of this Act and the regulations.

2.0.1 Prescribing a class of employees that would otherwise be in the class described in subparagraph 1 iv of subsection 23.1 (1) and prescribing the minimum wage that applies to the class for the purposes of subsection 23.1 (2).

2.0.2 REPEALED: 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 69 (3).

2.1 Establishing a maximum pay period, a maximum period within which payments made to an employee shall be reconciled with wages earned by the employee or both.

3. Exempting any class of employees or employers from the application of this Act or any Part, section or other provision of it.

4. Prescribing what constitutes the performance of work.

5. Prescribing information that must be provided to an employee or a prospective employee, in writing, and when the information must be provided.

6. Defining an industry and prescribing for that industry one or more terms or conditions of employment that apply to employers and employees in the industry or one or more requirements or prohibitions that apply to employers and employees in the industry.

7. Providing that any term, condition, requirement or prohibition prescribed under paragraph 6 applies in place of or in addition to one or more provisions of this Act or the regulations.

8. Providing that a regulation made under paragraph 6 or 7 applies only in respect of workplaces in the defined industry that have characteristics specified in the regulation, including but not limited to characteristics related to location.

9. Providing that an agreement under subsection 17 (2) to work hours in excess of those referred to in clause 17 (1) (a) that was made at the time of the employee's hiring and that has been approved by the Director is, despite subsection 17 (6), irrevocable unless both the employer and the employee agree to its revocation.

10. Providing a formula for the determination of an employee's regular rate that applies instead of the formula that would otherwise be applicable under the

definition of “regular rate” in section 1 in such circumstances as are set out in the regulation.

11. Providing for the establishment of committees to advise the Minister on any matters relating to the application or administration of this Act.

11.0.1 Providing for exemptions from Part XI.1, or any provision of it, including providing that employers are not required to have policies in respect of certain forms of electronic monitoring in the circumstances specified in the regulation.

11.0.2 Prescribing one or more terms or conditions of employment related to electronic monitoring that apply to employers who are subject to Part XI.1 and their employees or one or more requirements or prohibitions related to electronic monitoring that apply to those employers and their employees.

11.0.3 Prescribing that any term, condition, requirement or prohibition prescribed under paragraph 11.0.2 applies in place of or in addition to one or more provisions of this Act or the regulations.

11.1 Providing, for the purposes of subsection 51 (4), that subsections 51 (1), (2) and (3) apply in respect of an employee during a leave under section 50.2.

11.2 Providing, for the purposes of subsection 51 (5), that subsections 51 (1), (2) and (3) do not apply in respect of an employee during a period of postponement under subsection 53 (1.1).

12. Prescribing the manner and form in which notice of termination must or may be given and the content of such notice.

13. Prescribing what constitutes a constructive dismissal.

14. Providing that the common law doctrine of frustration does not apply to an employment contract and that an employer is not relieved of any obligation under Part XV because of the occurrence of an event that would frustrate an employment contract at common law except as prescribed.

14.1 Providing that payments to an employee by way of pension benefits, insurance benefits, workplace safety and insurance benefits, bonus, employment insurance benefits, supplementary employment insurance benefits or similar arrangements shall or shall not be taken into account in determining the amount that an employer is required to pay to an employee under clause 60 (1) (b), section 61 or section 64.

15. Providing for and governing the consolidation of hearings under this Act.

16. Prescribing the minimum number of hours in a day or week for which an employee is entitled to be paid the minimum wage or a contractual wage rate and imposing conditions in respect of that entitlement.

16.1 Governing penalties for contraventions for the purposes of subsection 113 (1).

17. Defining any word or expression used in this Act that is not defined in it.

Note: On January 1, 2026, the day named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, subsection 141 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs: (See: 2024, c. 19, Sched. 2, s. 5)

17.1 Defining what constitutes an interview for the purposes of Part III.1.

17.2 Defining what constitutes compensation for the purposes of Part III.1.

17.3 Prescribing the manner in which information provided under section 8.6 must be provided.

18. Prescribing the manner in which the information required by subsection 58 (2) shall be provided.

19. Respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (1); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (30); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (30); 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (1, 2); 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 6 (1); 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 9; 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 69 (1-4); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 26 (1); 2021, c. 40, Sched. 9, s. 2; 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 6 (1); 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1, 2); 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 9 (1).

Restricted application

(1.1) A regulation made under paragraph 11.1 or 11.2 of subsection (1) may be restricted in its application to one or more of the following:

1. Specified benefit plans.
2. Employees who are members of prescribed classes.
3. Employers who are members of prescribed classes.
4. Part of a leave under section 50.2. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 6 (2).

Regulations re Part XIII

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting any matter or thing necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of Part XIII (Benefit Plans), and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations,

- (a) exempting a benefit plan, part of a benefit plan or the benefits under such a plan or part from the application of Part XIII;
- (b) permitting a differentiation in a benefit plan between employees or their beneficiaries, survivors or dependants because of the age, sex or marital status of the employees;
- (c) suspending the application of Part XIII to a benefit plan, part of a benefit plan or benefits under such a plan or part for the periods of time specified in the regulation;
- (d) prohibiting a reduction in benefits to an employee in order to comply with Part XIII;
- (e) providing the terms under which an employee may be entitled or disentitled to benefits under a benefit plan. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (2); 2004, c. 15, s. 5.

Regulations re organ donor leave

(2.0.1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) prescribing other organs for the purpose of section 49.2;
- (b) prescribing tissue for the purpose of section 49.2;
- (c) prescribing one or more periods for the purpose of subsection 49.2 (5). 2009, c. 16, s. 3.

Same

(2.0.2) A regulation made under clause (2.0.1) (c) may prescribe different periods with respect to the donation of different organs and prescribed tissue. 2009, c. 16, s. 3.

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Fair*

Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 69 (5).

Same

(2.0.3.1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018*. 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 26 (2).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2019*. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 11 (1).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Employment Standards Amendment Act (Infectious Disease Emergencies), 2020*. 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (1).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021*. 2021, c. 9, s. 5 (1).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Working for Workers Act, 2021*. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 33 (1).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any

transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Working for Workers Act, 2022*. 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 6 (2).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.7) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Working for Workers Act, 2023*. 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 7 (3).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.8) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Working for Workers Four Act, 2024*. 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 9 (2).

Transitional regulations

(2.0.3.9) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations providing for any transitional matter that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the amendments made by the *Working for Workers Six Act, 2024*. 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 6 (1).

Conflict with transitional regulations

(2.0.4) In the event of a conflict between this Act or the regulations and a regulation made under subsection (2.0.3), (2.0.3.1), (2.0.3.2), (2.0.3.3), (2.0.3.4), (2.0.3.5), (2.0.3.6), (2.0.3.7), (2.0.3.8) or (2.0.3.9), the regulation made under subsection (2.0.3), (2.0.3.1), (2.0.3.2), (2.0.3.3), (2.0.3.4), (2.0.3.5), (2.0.3.6), (2.0.3.7), (2.0.3.8) or (2.0.3.9) prevails. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 69 (5); 2018, c. 14, Sched. 1, s. 26 (3); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 9, s. 11 (2); 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (2); 2021, c. 9, s. 5 (2); 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 33 (2); 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 6 (3); 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 7 (4); 2024, c. 3, Sched. 2, s. 9 (3); 2024, c. 41, Sched. 1, s. 6 (2).

Regulations re infectious disease emergencies

(2.1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) designating an infectious disease for the purposes of section 50.1;
- (b) prescribing, for the purposes of subsection 50.1 (5.1), the date on which the entitlement to emergency leave under clause 50.1 (1.1) (b) starts or is deemed to have started;
- (b.1) prescribing, for the purposes of subsection 50.1 (5.2), a later date on which the entitlement to paid leave under subsection 50.1 (1.2) ends;
- (b.2) prescribing, for the purposes of subsection 50.1 (5.3), additional periods during which employees are entitled to paid leave under subsection 50.1 (1.2);
- (c) providing that section 50.1 or any provision of it applies to police officers and prescribing one or more terms or conditions of employment or one or more requirements or prohibitions respecting emergency leave for infectious disease emergencies that shall apply to police officers and their employers;
- (d) exempting a class of employees from the application of section 50.1 or any provision of it, and prescribing one or more terms or conditions of employment or one or more requirements or prohibitions respecting emergency leave for infectious disease emergencies that shall apply to employees in the class and their employers;
- (d.1) exempting the Crown, a Crown agency, or an authority, board, commission or corporation, all of whose members are appointed by the Crown, from the application of section 50.1 or any provision of it;
- (e) providing that a term, condition, requirement or prohibition prescribed under clause (c) or (d) applies in place of, or in addition to, a provision of section 50.1. 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (3); 2021, c. 9, s. 5 (3).

Same, police officers

(2.1.1) A regulation made under clause (2.1) (c) may also provide that subsection 15 (7), sections 51, 51.1, 52 and 53, Part XVIII (Reprisal), section 74.12, Part XXI (Who Enforces this Act and What They Can Do), Part XXII (Complaints and Enforcement), Part XXIII (Reviews by the Board), Part XXIV (Collection), Part XXV (Offences and Prosecutions), Part XXVI (Miscellaneous Evidentiary Provisions) and Part XXVII (Regulations) apply to police officers and their employers for the purposes of section 50.1. 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (3).

Regulations re emergency leaves, declared emergencies, infectious

disease emergencies

(2.2) A regulation made under subsection (2.0.3.3), (2.0.3.4), (2.0.3.6) or (2.1), or a regulation prescribing a reason for the purposes of subclause 50.1 (1.1) (a) (iv) or (b) (vii) may,

- (a) provide that it has effect as of the date specified in the regulation;
- (b) provide that an employee who does not perform the duties of his or her position because of the declared emergency and the prescribed reason, or because of the prescribed reason related to a designated infectious disease, as defined in section 50.1, is deemed to have taken leave beginning on the first day the employee does not perform the duties of his or her position on or after the date specified in the regulation; or
- (c) provide that clauses 74 (1) (a) and 74.12 (1) (a) apply, with necessary modifications, in relation to the deemed leave described in clause (b). 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (3); 2021, c. 9, s. 5 (4); 2022, c. 7, Sched. 2, s. 6 (4).

Retroactive regulation

(2.2.1) A regulation referred to in subsection (2.2) that specifies a date may specify a date that is earlier than the day on which the regulation is made. 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (3).

Regulation extending leave

(2.3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make a regulation providing that the entitlement of an employee to take leave under clause 50.1 (1.1) (a) is extended beyond the day on which the entitlement would otherwise end under subsection 50.1 (5) or (6), if the employee is still not performing the duties of his or her position because of the effects of the declared emergency and because of a reason referred to in subclause 50.1 (1.1) (a) (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv). 2020, c. 3, s. 5 (3).

Same

(2.4) A regulation made under subsection (2.3) may limit the duration of the extended leave and may set conditions that must be met in order for the employee to be entitled to the extended leave. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (4).

Regulations re s. 50.1.1

(2.5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) prescribing the process for overpayment recovery under subsection 50.1.1 (18);
- (b) prescribing the date by which the Board is required to repay the Ministry under subsection 50.1.1 (21);
- (c) prescribing, for the purposes of subsection 50.1.1 (31), persons who may investigate possible contraventions of section 50.1.1;
- (d) prescribing the powers under this Act that a person prescribed under clause (c) may exercise;
- (e) specifying the parts of this Act that apply, with necessary modifications, if a person prescribed under clause (c) investigates a possible contravention of section 50.1.1;
- (f) exempting the Crown, a Crown agency, or an authority, board, commission or corporation, all of whose members are appointed by the Crown, from the application of section 50.1.1 or any provision of it. 2021, c. 9, s. 5 (5).

Regulations re: Part XVIII.1

(2.6) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the licensing of temporary help agencies and recruiters under Part XVIII.1 (Temporary Help Agencies and Recruiters), and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations,

- (a) governing requirements for the issuance or renewal of a licence, including requirements relating to compliance with laws that apply to the applicant;
- (b) governing applications for the issuance or renewal of a licence including requiring information to be provided for different types of licences, which may include information about compliance with laws that apply to the applicant;
- (c) prescribing circumstances in which an application for the issuance or renewal of a licence may be refused, which may include non-compliance with laws that apply to the applicant;
- (d) prescribing circumstances in which a licence may be revoked or suspended, which may include non-compliance with laws that apply to the applicant;
- (e) prescribing the processes to be followed by the Director in refusing to issue or renew a licence under section 74.1.5, which may include providing an applicant

with an opportunity to show evidence of compliance with licensing requirements before the licence or renewal is refused;

(f) prescribing the processes to be followed by the Director in revoking or suspending a licence under section 74.1.6, which may include providing an applicant with an opportunity to show evidence of compliance with licensing requirements before the licence is revoked or suspended;

(g) governing the terms and conditions of licences;

(h) governing licensing fees, including prescribing the amount of fees or the manner of determining fees, and prescribing the manner in which and the period within which fees must be paid;

(i) governing security for licensing, including prescribing the amount of security and prescribing the manner in which and the method by which security must be provided to the Director and the uses for which security may be used, including to satisfy obligations owing under this Act or under the *Employment Protection for Foreign Nationals Act, 2009*;

(j) governing the public record that the Director is required to publish and maintain under section 74.1.12;

(k) prescribing timelines for the purposes of review hearings held under section 74.1.13 and providing that the Board may grant extensions to those timelines;

(l) governing the application of Part XVIII.1 for the purposes of section 74.2.1. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 33 (3); 2023, c. 15, Sched. 2, s. 7 (5).

Same, retroactive regulations

(2.7) A regulation made under paragraph 3 of subsection (1) in respect of the application of Part XVIII.1 is, if it so provides, effective with reference to a period before it is filed. 2021, c. 35, Sched. 2, s. 33 (3).

Regulations re Part XIX

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing information for the purposes of section 77. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (3).

Regulations re Part XXII

(3.1) A regulation made under paragraph 16.1 of subsection (1) may,

- (a) establish different penalties or ranges of penalties for different types of contraventions or the method of determining those penalties or ranges;
- (b) specify that different penalties, ranges or methods of determining a penalty or range apply to contraveners who are individuals and to contraveners that are corporations; or
- (c) prescribe criteria an employment standards officer is required or permitted to consider when imposing a penalty. 2017, c. 22, Sched. 1, s. 69 (6).

Regulations re Part XXV

(4) If the Lieutenant Governor in Council is satisfied that laws are or will be in effect in the state for the enforcement of orders made under this Act on a basis substantially similar to that set out in section 126, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation,

- (a) declare a state to be a reciprocating state for the purposes of section 130; and
- (b) designate an authority of that state as the authority who may make applications under section 130. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (4).

Classes

(5) A regulation made under this section may be restricted in its application to any class of employee or employer and may treat different classes of employee or employer in different ways. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (5).

Regulations may be conditional

(5.1) A regulation made under this section may provide that it applies only if one or more conditions specified in it are met. 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (3).

Terms and conditions of employment for an industry

(6) Without restricting the generality of paragraphs 6 and 7 of subsection (1), a regulation made under paragraph 6 or 7 may establish requirements for the industry respecting such matters as a minimum wage, the scheduling of work, maximum hours of work, eating periods and other breaks from work, posting of work schedules, conditions under which the maximum hours of work set out in the regulation may be exceeded, overtime thresholds and overtime pay, vacations, vacation pay, working on public holidays and public holiday pay and treating some public holidays differently

than others for those purposes. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (6); 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (4).

(7) REPEALED: 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (5).

Conditions, revocability of approval

(8) A regulation made under paragraph 9 of subsection (1) may authorize the Director to impose conditions in granting an approval and may authorize the Director to rescind an approval. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (8).

Restriction where excess hours agreements approved

(9) An employer may not require an employee who has made an agreement approved by the Director under a regulation made under paragraph 9 of subsection (1) to work more than 10 hours in a day, except in the circumstances described in section 19. 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (9).

Revocability of part of approved excess hours agreement

(10) If an employee has agreed to work hours in excess of those referred to in clause 17 (1) (a) and hours in excess of those referred to in clause 17 (1) (b), the fact that the Director has approved the agreement in accordance with a regulation made under paragraph 9 of subsection (1) does not prevent the employee from revoking, in accordance with subsection 17 (6), that part of the agreement dealing with the hours in excess of those referred to in clause 17 (1) (b). 2000, c. 41, s. 141 (10); 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (6).

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PART XXVIII TRANSITION

Transition

142 (1) Part XIV.1 of the *Employment Standards Act*, as it read immediately before its repeal by this Act, continues to apply only with respect to wages that became due and owing before the Employee Wage Protection Program was discontinued and only if the employee to whom the wages were owed provided a certificate of claim, on a form prepared by the Ministry, to the Program Administrator before the day on which this

section comes into force. 2000, c. 41, s. 142 (1).

(2) REPEALED: 2009, c. 9, s. 29.

(3)-(5) REPEALED: 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (32).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

PART XXIX: REPEALED: 2019, C. 12, S. 42 (2).

143 REPEALED: 2019, c. 12, s. 42 (2).

▼ Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

144 OMITTED (AMENDS OR REPEALS OTHER ACTS). 2000, c. 41, s. 144.

145 OMITTED (PROVIDES FOR COMING INTO FORCE OF PROVISIONS OF THIS Act). 2000, c. 41, s. 145.

146 OMITTED (ENACTS SHORT TITLE OF THIS Act). 2000, c. 41, s. 146.

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