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Ministry of the Environment Act

R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.24

**Consolidation Period:** From December 8, 2020 to the [e-Laws currency date](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/navigation?file=currencyDates&lang=en).

Last amendment: [2020, c. 34, Sched. 9](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20034" \l "sched9s1).

Legislative History: [2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 81](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06035" \l "schedcs81); [2020, c. 34, Sched. 9](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20034" \l "sched9s1).

Definitions

**1** In this Act,

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Ministry continued

**2** (1)  The ministry of the public service known in English as the Ministry of the Environment and in French as ministère de l’Environnement is continued. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 2 (1).

Minister to have charge

(2)  The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Ministry. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 2 (2).

Deputy minister

**3** (1)  A deputy minister of the Ministry may be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 3 (1).

Employees

(2)  Such employees as are considered necessary from time to time for the proper conduct of the business of the Ministry shall be appointed under Part III of the Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 3 (2); 2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 81.

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

[2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 81](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06035" \l "schedcs81) - 20/08/2007

Assignment of Acts to Minister

**4** Despite any other Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may assign the administration of any Act to the Minister, and the Minister is responsible for the administration of any Act so assigned and may exercise the powers and shall perform the duties of the minister named in any Act so assigned. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 4.

Additional functions

**5** In addition to the responsibilities that are assigned to the Minister under section 4, the Minister shall perform such functions and duties as are assigned to him or her from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.24, s. 5.

Fees

**6** (1)  Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may make regulations,

(a) requiring the payment of fees for the supply of,

(i) copies of any document or information in the custody or under the control of the Ministry, or

(ii) statements containing information from or about a document or information in the custody or under the control of the Ministry;

(b) governing the amount of, or methods of calculating the amount of, fees provided for in clause (a);

(c) providing for the refund, in whole or in part, of a fee provided for in clause (a). 2020, c. 34, Sched. 9, s. 1.

No fees for FIPPA

(2)  A regulation under this section may not require the payment of a fee in respect of a request for access to a record pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. 2020, c. 34, Sched. 9, s. 1.

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[2020, c. 34, Sched. 9, s. 1](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20034" \l "sched9s1) - 08/12/2020

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