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Definitions, Appointment of Director

Definitions

**1** In this Act,

“administrative agreement” means an agreement described in section 31.2; (“accord d’application”)

“delegated legislation” means this Act or the regulations or the provisions of this Act or of the regulations that have been delegated to a Farm Registration Administrator under section 31.1; (“législation déléguée”)

“farming business” means a business that carries on farming activities and reports income from those activities to the Canada Revenue Agency; (“entreprise agricole”)

“farming business registration number” means a unique identifying number issued under this Act; (“numéro d’inscription d’entreprise agricole”)

“Farm Registration Administrator” means a corporation that the Minister has designated as a Farm Registration Administrator under subsection 31.1 (1); (“administrateur des inscriptions d’entreprises agricoles”)

“Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and “Ministry” has a corresponding meaning; (“ministre”, “ministère”)

“prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations made under this Act; (“prescrit”)

“regulation” means a regulation made under this Act; (“règlement”)

“Tribunal” means the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal continued under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act. (“Tribunal”) 1993, c. 21, s. 1; 1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (1); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 4.

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1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (1) - 22/12/1999

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 4 (1-3)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s4s1) - 01/01/2021

Appointment of Director

**1.1** (1)  The Minister shall appoint a Director for the purposes of this Act unless,

(a) the administration of the provisions of this Act and the regulations that refer to the Director have been delegated to a Farm Registration Administrator; or

(b) the Minister has designated a Crown agency under section 31.13. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22.

Same

(2)  If the administration of any provisions of this Act and the regulations are delegated to a Farm Registration Administrator, the Farm Registration Administrator shall appoint a Director from among its employees to perform any duty or exercise any power under those provisions. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22.

Same

(3)  If the Minister designates a Crown agency under section 31.13, the Crown agency shall appoint a Director from among its employees for the purposes of this Act. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22.

Same

(4)  An appointment made under this section may be subject to such conditions as the person making the appointment considers necessary. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22.

References to Director

(5)  For the purposes of this Act, a reference to the Director in a provision is a reference to the Director appointed by the Minister, by a Farm Registration Administrator or by the Crown agency designated under section 31.13, as determined in accordance with the following rules:

1. If a Farm Registration Administrator has been delegated responsibility for the administration of the provision, the reference is to the Director appointed by the Farm Registration Administrator for the purposes of that provision.

2. Absent any delegation of the administration of the provision to the Farm Registration Administrator, the reference is to,

i. the Director appointed by the Crown agency designated under section 31.13, or

ii. if no Crown agency has been designated under that section, the Director appointed by the Minister. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22.

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[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 22](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s22) - 01/01/2021

Farming Business Registration Numbers

Requirement to obtain farming business registration number

**2** (1)  A person who carries on a farming business shall obtain a farming business registration number from the Director in accordance with the regulations if the annual gross income from the farming business, as determined in accordance with the regulations, is equal to or greater than the prescribed amount. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

Obtaining a farming business registration number

(2)  A person who is required to obtain a farming business registration number shall do so in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

Assignment of registration number

(3)  The Director shall assign farming business registration numbers in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

Validity of registration number

(4)  A farming business registration number expires at such time as set out in or determined in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

Renewal of registration number

(5)  A person who holds a farming business registration number shall renew it in accordance with the regulations at such time as may be determined by regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 5](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s5) - no effect - see [2023, c. 20, Sched. 7, s. 1](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S23020" \l "sched7s1) - 04/12/2023; [2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s23) - 01/01/2021

Appeal to Tribunal

**2.1**(1)  A person who has been denied a farming business registration number may appeal to the Tribunal by providing written notice to the Tribunal and the Director within 30 days after receiving notice of the Director’s decision respecting the denial. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1.

Extension of time

(2)  The Tribunal may extend the time for providing the notice of appeal, either before or after the expiry of that time, if it is satisfied that there are apparent grounds for appeal and that there are reasonable grounds for applying for the extension. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1.

Record

(3)  As soon as reasonably possible in the circumstances after receiving notice of the appeal, the Director shall provide the Tribunal with a copy of,

(a) all materials the appellant provided when making the request for a farming business registration number; and

(b) the Director’s decision to deny the farming business registration number. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1.

Parties

(4)  The parties to an appeal under this section are the appellant and the Director. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1.

Powers of Tribunal

(5)  The Tribunal shall review the Director’s determination and,

(a) if the Tribunal finds that the Director’s determination was reasonable, it shall confirm the decision; and

(b) if the Tribunal finds that the Director’s determination was not reasonable, it shall alter the Director’s decision or direct the Director to do any act that the Director is authorized to do under this Act and that the Tribunal considers proper. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1.

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

[2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 1](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20018" \l "sched7s1) - 01/01/2021

Use of information

**3** The Ministry may use the information obtained under this Act to develop policies and programs for the advancement of agriculture, food and rural affairs for the Ministry, to develop and implement methods of distributing information about the policies and programs, to develop mailing lists and for the prescribed purposes. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 5](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s5) - no effect - see [2023, c. 20, Sched. 7, s. 1](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S23020" \l "sched7s1) - 04/12/2023; [2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 23](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s23) - 01/01/2021

Accredited Farm Organizations

Application for accreditation

**4** (1)  Any organization representing farmers in the province may apply to the Tribunal to become an accredited farm organization for the purposes of this Act. 1993, c. 21, s. 4 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

(2), (3)  Repealed: 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 24 (1).

Notice

(4)  The Tribunal shall give written notice of all applications under this section to any prescribed persons. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 24 (2).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 24 (1, 2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s24s1) - 01/01/2021

Hearing on application

**5** (1)  The Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether an organization is to be accredited. 1993, c. 21, s. 5 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (2); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 25 (1).

Submissions

(2)  Any person or organization entitled to notice of an application may make submissions in a hearing relating to the accreditation of a farm organization. 1993, c. 21, s. 5 (2).

Party

(3)  The organization seeking accreditation is a party to the hearing. 1993, c. 21, s. 5 (3); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 25 (2).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s2) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 25 (1, 2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s25s1) - 01/01/2021

Order on application

**6** (1)  If the Tribunal determines that the organization applying for accreditation meets the prescribed criteria for accredited farm organizations, the Tribunal shall, by order, accredit the organization and, if the Tribunal determines that the organization applying for accreditation does not meet those criteria, the Tribunal shall refuse the accreditation. 1993, c. 21, s. 6 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (3); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 26 (1).

Term of accreditation

(2)  The accreditation of a farm organization is in effect for the prescribed period. 1993, c. 21, s. 6 (2); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 26 (2).

Service

(3)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of the order or decision made under this section on the organization applying for accreditation and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 26 (3).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (3)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s3) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 26 (1-3)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s26s1) - 01/01/2021

Renewal

**7** (1)  Any accredited farm organization may apply to the Tribunal for a renewal of its accreditation if it does so during the prescribed period. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Preserving status

(2)  The accreditation of an accredited farm organization that applies for a renewal of the accreditation during the prescribed period remains in effect until the Tribunal makes its order or decision pursuant to the application. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Notice

(3)  The Tribunal shall give written notice of all renewal applications under this section to any prescribed persons. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s27) - 01/01/2021

Hearing on application

**7.1** (1)  The Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether an accredited farm organization’s accreditation is to be renewed. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Submissions

(2)  Any person or organization entitled to notice of a renewal application may make submissions in a hearing relating to whether the organization’s accreditation is to be renewed. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Party

(3)  The accredited farm organization seeking a renewal of its accreditation is a party to the hearing. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s27) - 01/01/2021

Order on application

**7.2** (1)  If the Tribunal determines that the organization meets the prescribed criteria for an accredited farm organization, the Tribunal shall, by order, renew its accreditation. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Term of accreditation

(2)  The accreditation of a farm organization, as renewed by the Tribunal, is in effect for the prescribed period. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s27) - 01/01/2021

Order on application for renewal of accreditation

**7.3** (1)  If the Tribunal determines that an organization no longer meets the prescribed criteria for an accredited farm organization, the Tribunal may,

(a) refuse to renew the organization’s accreditation; or

(b) issue, by order, a provisional accreditation and require the organization to meet specified conditions within a specified period of time in order to have its accreditation renewed. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Same

(2)  The Tribunal may provide that an organization that has been issued a provisional accreditation is not entitled to be forwarded payments under subsection 21 (3). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Further hearing

(3)  If an organization that has been issued a provisional accreditation does not meet the specified conditions within the specified period of time, the Tribunal may, after holding a hearing under section 7.1, make a further order under subsection (1). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Non-renewal of accreditation

(4)  An order refusing to renew an organization’s accreditation takes effect on the date set out in the order. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Service

(5)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy the order or decision made under this section on the organization applying for renewal and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

Suspended payments

(6)  The following rules apply if the Tribunal, under subsection (2), suspended the forwarding of payments to the organization:

1. If the accreditation is renewed, any payments that were not forwarded to the organization shall be forwarded to the organization.

2. If the accreditation is not renewed, any payments that were not forwarded to the organization shall be returned to the person who made the payment in order to be re-directed to another accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 27](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s27) - 01/01/2021

Tribunal may review accreditation

**8** (1)  If a panel of at least three members of the Tribunal believes that the organization no longer qualifies for the accreditation, the chair may start a review of the accreditation. 1993, c. 21, s. 8 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Notice

(2)  The Tribunal shall give written notice of any review under this section to the accredited farm organization that is the subject of the review, to the Minister and to all of the other accredited farm organizations. 1993, c. 21, s. 8 (2); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

(3)  Repealed: 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 28.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 28](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s28) - 01/01/2021

Hearing on review

**9** (1)  If a review is started, the Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether an accredited farm organization continues to qualify for accreditation. 1993, c. 21, s. 9 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Party

(2)  The accredited farm organization that is the subject of the review is a party to the review. 1993, c. 21, s. 9 (2).

Submissions

(3)  Any person or organization entitled to notice of the review may make submissions in a hearing relating to the accreditation of a farm organization. 1993, c. 21, s. 9 (3).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

Order on review

**10** (1)  If the Tribunal determines that the accredited farm organization no longer meets the prescribed criteria for an accredited farm organization, the Tribunal may, by order,

(a) remove the accreditation of the organization; or

(b) require the organization to meet specified conditions within a specified period of time in order to maintain its accreditation. 1993, c. 21, s. 10 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (4).

Same

(2)  The Tribunal may provide that an accredited farm organization that is required to meet specified conditions within a specified period of time is not entitled to be forwarded payments under subsection 21 (3) until the Tribunal issues an order finding that the accredited farm organization has met the conditions within the period of time. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 29 (1).

Further hearing

(3)  If an order is made under clause (1) (b) and the organization does not meet the specified conditions within the specified time, the Tribunal may, after holding a hearing under section 9, make a further order under subsection (1). 1993, c. 21, s. 10 (3); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Removing accreditation

(4)  An order to remove the accreditation of an organization takes effect on the date set out in the order. 1993, c. 21, s. 10 (4).

Service

(5)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of the order or decision made under this section on the organization affected by the order or decision and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 29 (2).

Suspended payments

(6)  The following rules apply if the Tribunal, under subsection (2), suspended the forwarding of payments to the organization:

1. If the accreditation is renewed, any payments that were not forwarded to the organization shall be forwarded to the organization.

2. If the accreditation is not renewed, any payments that were not forwarded to the organization shall be returned to the person who made the payment in order to be re-directed to another accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 29 (2).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1, 4)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 29 (1, 2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s29s1) - 01/01/2021

Relinquishing accreditation

**11** (1)  An accredited farm organization may apply to the Tribunal to have its accreditation removed. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Notice to Ministry

(2)  The Tribunal shall give the Ministry notice of every application that it receives under this section. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (2); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (5).

Revocation by Tribunal

(3)  The Tribunal, on receiving an application under subsection (1), shall, without a hearing, make an order removing the accreditation of the organization. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (3); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Service

(4)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of the order on the Director, the organization that made the application and any prescribed person. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (4); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 30 (1).

Effective date

(5)  An order to remove the accreditation takes effect on the date set out in the order. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (5).

Return of payment

(6)  The Director shall return, to the persons submitting them, any payments that are payable to an accredited farm organization making an application under this section that the Director receives after receiving the notice of the application. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (6); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 6 (1); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 30 (2).

Resubmitting payment

(7)  A person whose payment is returned shall, within the prescribed time, resubmit the payment payable to one of the remaining accredited farm organizations. 1993, c. 21, s. 11 (7); 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 6 (2).

Farming business registration number

(8)  If a person fails to resubmit a payment that is payable within the time prescribed under subsection (7), the person’s farming business registration number shall expire at the end of that prescribed period despite subsection 2 (4). 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 6 (3).

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[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1, 5)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

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Eligible Francophone Organization

Francophone organization

**12** (1)  One francophone organization representing farmers in the Province may be eligible to receive special funding under this Act if it,

(a) serves the socioeconomic and cultural interests of francophone farmers;

(b) provides services to farming businesses in the French language; and

(c) meets the prescribed criteria for eligibility. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Application for special funding

(2)  A francophone organization wishing to receive special funding shall apply to the Tribunal. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Notice

(3)  The Tribunal shall give written notice of all applications under this section to any prescribed persons. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

No application

(4)  Despite subsection (2), the Tribunal shall not accept any applications under this section if there is a francophone organization receiving special funding at the time of the application. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Hearing on application

**13** (1)  The Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether the applicant francophone organization should receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Submissions

(2)  A person or organization entitled to notice of an application may make submissions in a hearing relating to whether the francophone organization is eligible to receive special funding and its ability to meet any criteria prescribed for the purposes of clause 12 (1) (c). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Party

(3)  The francophone organization seeking to receive special funding is a party to the hearing. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Order on application

**14** (1)  If more than one organization applies for special funding and the Tribunal determines that only one organization meets the conditions for eligibility set out in subsection 12 (1), the Tribunal shall, by order, declare it to be the organization to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Several applicants

(2)  If more than one organization applies for special funding and the Tribunal determines that more than one organization meets the conditions for eligibility set out in subsection 12 (1), the Tribunal shall, by order, declare the organization that, in the Tribunal’s opinion, best meets any criteria prescribed for the purposes of clause 12 (1) (c) as the organization to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Service

(3)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of any order or decision made under this section on all francophone organizations applying to receive special funding and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Terms of eligibility for francophone organization

(4)  The francophone organization shall receive special funding for the prescribed period of time. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Allocation of special funding to eligible francophone organization

(5)  The special funding shall be allocated to the francophone organization in the prescribed manner. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Organization is accredited

**15** (1)  If the francophone organization receiving special funding is accredited under this Act, it shall no longer receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

One accreditation

(2)  No other francophone organization shall receive special funding while the francophone organization referred to in subsection (1) is accredited. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Renewal

**16** (1)  The francophone organization receiving special funding may apply to the Tribunal to continue to receive special funding if it does so during the prescribed period. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Preserving status

(2)  If the francophone organization applies to continue to receive special funding during the prescribed period, despite subsection 14 (4), the organization continues to receive special funding until the Tribunal makes a decision in respect of the application. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Notice

(3)  The Tribunal shall give notice of all applications under this section to any prescribed persons. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1, 6)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Hearing of application

**17** (1)  The Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether the francophone organization continues to be eligible to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Submissions

(2)  Any person or organization entitled to notice of the application may make submissions in a hearing relating to whether the francophone organization is still eligible to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Party

(3)  The francophone organization seeking to continue receiving special funding is a party to the hearing. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Continued eligibility to receive special funding

**17.1**(1)  If the Tribunal determines that the francophone organization continues to meet the conditions for eligibility set out in subsection 12 (1), the Tribunal shall, by order, declare that it continues to be eligible for special funding. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 2.

Term of eligibility

(2)  The francophone organization shall receive special funding under this section for the prescribed period of time. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 2.

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

[2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 2](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20018" \l "sched7s2) - 01/01/2021

Order on application for renewal of eligibility to receive special funding

**18** (1)  If the Tribunal determines that the francophone organization no longer meets the conditions for eligibility set out in subsection 12 (1), the Tribunal may, by order,

(a) declare the francophone organization ineligible to receive special funding; or

(b) provide that the francophone organization may continue to receive special funding if it meets specified conditions within a specified period of time. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Provisional renewal of eligibility to receive special funding

(2)  In making an order under clause (1) (b), the Tribunal may provide that the francophone organization is not to receive special funding until it meets the specified conditions within the specified period of time. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Further hearing

(3)  If an order is made under clause (1) (b) and the francophone organization does not meet the specified conditions within the specified time, the Tribunal may, after holding a hearing under section 17, make a further order under subsection (1). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Non-renewal of eligibility to receive funding

(4)  An order declaring that the francophone organization is no longer eligible to receive special funding takes effect on the date set out in the order. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Service

(5)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of any order or decision made under this section on the francophone organization and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Suspended payments

(6)  The following rules apply if the Tribunal, under subsection (2), suspended the receipt of special funding to the francophone organization:

1. If the francophone organization is found to be eligible, any suspended payments shall be paid to the francophone organization.

2. If the francophone organization is found to no longer be eligible, any suspended payments shall be returned to the person who made the payment. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Review of eligibility

**19** (1)  If a panel of at least three members of the Tribunal believes that the francophone organization is no longer eligible for special funding, the chair may start a review of the organization’s eligibility to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Notice

(2)  The Tribunal shall give written notice of any review under this section to the francophone organization and to any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Hearing on review

**20** (1)  If a review is started pursuant to section 19, the Tribunal shall hold a hearing before determining whether the francophone organization continues to be eligible to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Party

(2)  The francophone organization is a party to the hearing. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Submissions

(3)  Any person or organization entitled to notice of the review may make submissions in a hearing relating to whether the francophone organization is still eligible to receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Order respecting continued eligibility of francophone organization

**20.1** If the Tribunal determines that the francophone organization no longer meets the conditions for eligibility set out in subsection 12 (1), the Tribunal may make an order referred to subsection 18 (1) and section 18 applies, with necessary modifications, in respect of the order. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Relinquishing eligibility to receive special funding

**20.2** (1)  A francophone organization may apply to the Tribunal to no longer receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Notice

(2)  The Tribunal shall give any prescribed persons written notice of every application that it receives under this section. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Revocation by Tribunal

(3)  The Tribunal shall, without a hearing, make an order that the francophone organization shall no longer receive special funding. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Service

(4)  The Tribunal shall serve a copy of the order on the francophone organization and any prescribed person. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

Effective date

(5)  The francophone organization shall stop receiving special funding as of the date set out in the order. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31

Suspension of payment

(6)  An accredited farm organization may stop providing special funding to the francophone organization, as of the date set out in the order referred to in subsection (3). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 31](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s31) - 01/01/2021

Payments to Accredited Farm Organizations

Payment

**21** (1)  Every person who is required to obtain a farming business registration number under section 2 shall make a payment in the prescribed amount to an accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Payment remitted to Director

(2)  A payment required under subsection (1) shall be remitted to the Director in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Forwarding payments to organizations

(3)  The Director shall promptly forward all payments received under subsection (2) to the appropriate accredited farm organization in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Administration fee

(4)  The Director may charge a fee to accredited farm organizations in the prescribed amount for anything done by the Director under this Act. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Revoking farming business registration number

(5)  The Director may revoke a farming business registration number that was assigned to a person under subsection 2 (3) if the payment that was remitted to the Director under subsection (2),

(a) was remitted in the form of a cheque that was subsequently returned with an indication that there were not sufficient funds to cover the cheque; or

(b) was remitted in a form other than a cheque and ultimately all or part of the payment was not collected and was not paid to the accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Reassignment of registration number

(6)  If a person’s farming business registration number is revoked under subsection (5), the Director may assign a farming business registration number to the person if the person makes the payment that was required under subsection (1) and that payment is received in full by the accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Refund

(7)  Despite subsection (1), any person who makes a payment to an accredited farm organization under this section may apply, within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner, for a refund of the payment. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Same

(8)  Subject to subsection (9), an accredited farm organization shall provide a refund to the person who made the payment in accordance with the regulations. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

Same

(9)  A refund shall not be paid to a person who does not have a valid farming business registration number. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

No membership

(10)  Payment to an accredited farm organization under this section does not confer membership in the accredited farm organization. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 7](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s7) - no effect - see [2023, c. 20, Sched. 7, s. 1](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S23020" \l "sched7s1) - 04/12/2023; [2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 32](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s32) - 01/01/2021

Religious objection, individual

**22** (1)  If an individual carries on a farming business and objects to obtaining a farming business registration number or to making payment to an accredited farm organization because of his or her religious conviction or belief, the individual may apply to the Tribunal for an order that the requirement to obtain a farming business registration number or to make the payment be waived. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 33 (1).

Religious objection, corporation

(2)  If a corporation carries on a farming business and an individual who is a shareholder or member of the corporation objects to the corporation obtaining a farming business registration number or making payment to an accredited farm organization because of his or her religious conviction or belief, the corporation may apply to the Tribunal for an order that the requirement to obtain a farming business registration number or to make the payment be waived. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 33 (2).

Religious objection, other entity

(3)  If an entity other than a corporation carries on a farming business and an individual who is a member of the entity objects to the entity obtaining a farming business registration number or making payment to an accredited farm organization because of his or her religious conviction or belief, the entity may apply to the Tribunal for an order that the requirement to obtain a farming business registration number or to make the payment be waived. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 33 (3).

Parties

(4)  The applicant and any accredited farm organization that the Tribunal determines has an interest in the hearing are parties to the hearing. 1993, c. 21, s. 22 (4); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Hearing required

(5)  The Tribunal shall hold a hearing before making an order in an application under this section if,

(a) a party opposes the application; or

(b) the Tribunal is not satisfied without holding a hearing that the applicant is entitled to the order applied for. 1993, c. 21, s. 22 (5); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

Order of Tribunal

(6)  If the Tribunal is satisfied that an individual referred to in subsection (1), (2) or (3) objects to obtaining a farming business registration number or making payment to an accredited farm organization because of his or her sincerely held religious conviction or belief, it shall order that the requirement to obtain a farming business registration number or to make the payment be waived. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (2); 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 33 (4).

(7)  Repealed: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (2).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1, 7)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 8 (1, 2)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s8s1) - 01/01/2021; [2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 33 (1-4)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s33s1) - 01/01/2021

**23** Repealed: 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 9.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 9](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s9) - 01/01/2021

Procedure on Appeal

**24** Repealed: 1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (3).

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

1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (2, 3) - 22/12/1999

**25** Repealed: 1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (3).

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

1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (3) - 22/12/1999

Gather information

**26** The Tribunal or an employee of the Tribunal at the Tribunal’s request may gather information or inspect documents that it considers necessary and question any person in relation to a matter before it. 1993, c. 21, s. 26; 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (8).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (8)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s8) - 22/06/2006

Submissions accepted

**27** (1)  In any hearing before it, the Tribunal may accept submissions from any person who is not otherwise entitled to make submissions under this Act if it gives the parties an opportunity to respond to those submissions. 1993, c. 21, s. 27 (1); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (8).

Additional evidence

(2)  In any hearing before it, the Tribunal may consider any relevant information obtained by the Tribunal in addition to the evidence given at a hearing if it first informs the parties of the additional information and gives them an opportunity to respond to it. 1993, c. 21, s. 27 (2); 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (8).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (8)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s8) - 22/06/2006

**28** Repealed: 1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (3).

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

1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (3) - 22/12/1999

Reconsider orders

**29** The Tribunal may reconsider any order it has made and may affirm or replace the order. 1993, c. 21, s. 29; 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (9).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (9)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s9) - 22/06/2006

Decision of Tribunal final

**30** A decision of the Tribunal is final. 1993, c. 21, s. 30; 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

Notice of orders

**31** The Tribunal shall give written notice of any order it makes relating to a farm organization to that organization, to the Minister and to every person who made submissions in the proceeding and asked for notice. 1993, c. 21, s. 31; 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (10).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (10)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s10) - 22/06/2006

Delegation of Administrative Authority

Delegation

**31.1**(1)  The Minister may, by regulation,

(a) designate a corporation as a Farm Registration Administrator for the purposes of this Act; and

(b) delegate responsibility for the administration of specified provisions of this Act or of a regulation made under subsection 33 (2), or both, to the Farm Registration Administrator. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Farm Registration Administrator

(2)  A corporation may be designated as a Farm Registration Administrator only if it meets the following conditions:

1. It is a not-for-profit corporation without share capital.

2. It is incorporated under the laws of Ontario or Canada.

3. It carries on business in Ontario.

4. Any prescribed conditions. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Previous administration

(3)  Nothing in a delegation of legislation under subsection (1) invalidates anything that was done by the Minister, the Ministry or AgriCorp to administer this Act or the regulations before the delegation. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Person bound

(4)  Delegated legislation binds all persons whom it would bind if it had not been delegated. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Regulation

(5)  A regulation under this section may,

(a) prescribe any conditions or limitations that apply to the designation of a Farm Registration Administrator and to the delegation of responsibility for the administration of specified provisions of this Act and the regulations;

(b) limit the provisions of this Act and of the regulations made under subsection 33 (2) that may be the subject of a delegation;

(c) prescribe conditions for the purposes of paragraph 4 of subsection (2). 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Exceptions, regulations

(6)  A regulation delegating responsibility for the administration of specified provisions of this Act under subsection (1) shall not delegate the power to make regulations under this Act. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Administrative agreement required

**31.2**(1)  A regulation shall not be made under subsection 31.1 (1) designating a Farm Registration Administrator unless the Minister has entered into an administrative agreement with the prospective designate with respect to the delegated legislation. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Content of agreement

(2)  The administrative agreement shall include all matters that the Minister considers necessary to the efficient and effective delegation of the administration of the delegated legislation to the Farm Registration Administrator, including,

(a) the financial terms of the designation;

(b) any requirements relating to the governance of the Farm Registration Administrator;

(c) the right, if any, of the Farm Registration Administrator to purchase, use or otherwise have access to government assets, including information, records or intellectual property;

(d) a description of any liability the Farm Registration Administrator may incur as a result of exercising its responsibilities administering the delegated legislation; and

(e) a requirement that the Farm Registration Administrator maintain adequate insurance against liability arising out of carrying out the administration of the delegated legislation. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Minister’s terms

(3)  On giving the notice to the Farm Registration Administrator that the Minister considers reasonable in the circumstances, the Minister may amend or insert a term in the administrative agreement or delete a term from it if,

(a) the term relates to the administration or enforcement of the delegated legislation; and

(b) the Minister considers it advisable to do so. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Review

**31.3**(1)  The Minister may require that reviews of a Farm Registration Administrator, of its operations, or of both, including, without limitation, performance, governance, accountability and financial reviews, be carried out,

(a) by or on behalf of the Farm Registration Administrator; or

(b) by a person or entity specified by the Minister. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Access to records

(2)  If a review is carried out by a person or entity specified by the Minister, the Farm Registration Administrator shall give the person or entity specified by the Minister and the employees of the person or entity access to all records and other information required to conduct the review. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Revocation of designation

**31.4**(1)  Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may, by regulation, revoke the designation of a corporation as a Farm Registration Administrator if,

(a) the Farm Registration Administrator has failed to comply with this Act, the delegated legislation or the administrative agreement and has not remedied the failure within the time period described in subsection (3); or

(b) the Minister considers it advisable to do so. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Notice

(2)  The Minister shall give a Farm Registration Administrator such notice as he or she considers reasonable of his or her intention to revoke the Farm Registration Administrator’s designation. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Opportunity to remedy

(3)  If a Farm Registration Administrator fails to comply with this Act, the delegated legislation or the administrative agreement, the Minister shall allow the Farm Registration Administrator the opportunity of remedying its failure within the time period that the Minister considers reasonable in the circumstances. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Voluntary revocation

(4)  A Farm Registration Administrator may request that the Minister revoke its designation and in that case the Minister shall, by regulation, revoke the designation on the terms that the Minister considers advisable. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Non-application of Act

(5)  The Statutory Powers Procedure Act does not apply to the exercise by the Minister of a right under this section to revoke the designation of a corporation as a Farm Registration Administrator or to revoke the delegation of specified legislative provisions. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Duties of Farm Registration Administrator

**31.5**(1)  A Farm Registration Administrator shall carry out the administration of all delegated legislation and shall do so in accordance with the law, this Act and the administrative agreement, having regard to the intent and purpose of this Act. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Services in French

(2)  The French Language Services Act applies to a Farm Registration Administrator as though it were a government agency under that Act. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Services to persons with disabilities

(3)  The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 applies to a Farm Registration Administrator as though it were an organization providing services for the purposes of that Act. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Reports

(4)  Within one year of the effective date of its designation as Farm Registration Administrator and annually thereafter, a Farm Registration Administrator shall report to the Minister on its activities, financial affairs in respect of the administration of this Act and any other matters the Minister may request. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Same

(5)  The reports required under subsection (4) shall be in a form acceptable to the Minister. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Employees

**31.6**(1)  Subject to the administrative agreement, a Farm Registration Administrator may employ or retain the services of any qualified person to carry out any power or duty relating to the administration of the delegated legislation. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

No Crown employment

(2)  Persons who are employed or whose services are retained under subsection (1) are not employees of the Crown and shall not hold themselves out as such. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

No Crown agent

**31.7**(1)  A Farm Registration Administrator is not a Crown agency for the purposes of the Crown Agency Act and shall not hold itself out as such. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Same, officers, etc.

(2)  The members, officers, directors, employees and agents of a Farm Registration Administrator, together with the persons whose services the Farm Registration Administrator retains, are not agents of the Crown and shall not hold themselves out as such. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

No personal liability, Crown employee

**31.8**(1)  No action or other proceeding shall be instituted against an employee of the Crown for an act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of a duty or service under delegated legislation, or for an alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of the duty or service. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Tort by Crown employee

(2)  Despite subsection 8 (3) of the Crown Liability and Proceedings Act, 2019, subsection (1) does not relieve the Crown of liability in respect of a tort committed by an employee of the Crown to which it would otherwise be subject. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10; 2019, c. 7, Sched. 17, s. 73.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021; [2019, c. 7, Sched. 17, s. 73](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19007" \l "sched17s73) - 01/01/2021

No Crown liability

**31.9**No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against the Crown for damages that a person suffers as a result of any act or omission taken or made in the administration of delegated legislation by a person who is not an employee or agent of the Crown. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Indemnification

**31.10**A Farm Registration Administrator shall indemnify the Crown, in accordance with the administrative agreement, in respect of damages and costs incurred by the Crown for any act or omission of the Farm Registration Administrator or its members, officers, directors, employees or agents,

(a) in carrying out the administration of its delegated legislation; or

(b) in the execution or intended execution of its powers and duties under this Act, the delegated legislation and the administrative agreement. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

No personal liability, board members and others

**31.11**(1)  No action or other proceeding shall be instituted against a person mentioned in subsection (2) for an act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of a power or duty under delegated legislation, or for an alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of that power or duty. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Same

(2)  Subsection (1) applies to,

(a) members of the board of directors of a Farm Registration Administrator; and

(b) persons who perform functions under delegated legislation as members, employees, agents or officers of the Farm Registration Administrator or as persons whose services it retains. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Liability of Farm Registration Administrator

(3)  Subsection (1) does not relieve a Farm Registration Administrator of liability to which it would otherwise be subject in respect of a tort committed by one of its members, employees, agents or officers. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Audit

**31.12**(1)  The Auditor General appointed under the Auditor General Act may conduct an audit of a Farm Registration Administrator, other than an audit required under the Corporations Act. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

Access to records and information

(2)  When the Auditor General conducts an audit under subsection (1), the Farm Registration Administrator shall give the Auditor General and employees of the Auditor General access to all records and other information required to conduct the audit. 2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10.

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

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 10](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s10) - 01/01/2021

Designation of Crown Agency

Designation of Crown agency

**31.13** (1)  The Minister may designate a Crown agency that meets the prescribed conditions to administer this Act. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34.

Agency agreement required

(2)  The Minister may not designate a Crown agency under subsection (1) unless the Minister has entered into an agreement with the prospective agency respecting the performance of its functions under this Act. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34.

Content of the agreement

(3)  The agreement shall include all such matters that the Minister considers necessary to ensure the effective administration of this Act. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34.

Previous administration

(4)  The designation of a Crown agency under this section does not invalidate anything that was done by the Minister, the Ministry or AgriCorp to administer this Act or the regulations before the designation. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34.

Revocation of designation

(5)  The Minister may revoke the designation made under subsection (1) after giving the Crown agency such notice of his or her intention to revoke the designation as the Minister considers reasonable. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34.

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

[2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 34](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s34) - 01/01/2021

General

Protection from liability

**32** Members and employees of the Tribunal are not liable for any act done or decision or omission made in good faith by them in the performance of their duties or exercise of their powers under this Act. 1993, c. 21, s. 32; 2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1).

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

[2006, c. 19, Sched. A, s. 8 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S06019" \l "schedas8s1) - 22/06/2006

Regulations, Lieutenant Governor in Council

**33** (1)  The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) prescribing the amount of annual gross income for the purposes of section 2 and respecting the manner of determining the annual gross income and the period for which it is to apply;

(b) defining any word or expression used in this Act that has not already been expressly defined in this Act;

(c) respecting any matter advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of the regulations made under this subsection. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35.

Regulations, Minister

(2)  The Minister may make regulations,

(a) governing the manner in which farming business registration numbers are obtained and assigned, including establishing classes of farming business registration numbers, any forms to be used and any relevant timeframes;

(b) governing the imposition of conditions on farming business registration numbers and any consequences of non-compliance with those conditions;

(c) requiring persons to pay a penalty for failing to obtain a farming business registration number at the required time;

(d) exempting persons from the requirement of having to obtain a farming business registration number under section 2, including for a specified period of time, and prescribing the reasons for the exemption and any conditions to be met in order to be exempt;

(e) authorizing persons whose farming business does not have a gross annual income equal to or greater than the amount prescribed for the purposes of section 2 to obtain a farming business registration number, including for a specified period of time and prescribing the reasons for the authorization and setting out any conditions that have to be met in order to benefit from the authorization;

(f) governing the validity of farming business registration numbers, including their expiry and renewal;

(g) prescribing purposes for which the Ministry may use information obtained under this Act;

(h) prescribing persons who are to be given written notice of any hearing or review before the Tribunal under this Act or who are to be served with a copy of any order or decision made by the Tribunal under this Act;

(i) respecting payments made to an accredited farm organization under section 21, including the amount of the payments, the manner in which the payments are to be made and the refund of such payments;

(j) governing fees that may be charged to accredited farm organizations under subsection 21 (4), including the amount of fees and the manner in which they must be paid and the time at which they must be paid;

(k) respecting the question of whether a farm organization provides its services to farming businesses in the French language;

(l) respecting the length of time for which farm organizations are accredited and the length of time for which the francophone organization is eligible to receive special funding;

(m) prescribing the period during which an application must be filed for the purposes of subsections 7 (1) and 16 (1);

(n) respecting the criteria to be used for accrediting farm organizations;

(o) respecting criteria for eligibility for special funding;

(p) respecting allocation of money to the francophone organization eligible for special funding;

(p.1) governing how documents are to be given or served under this Act, including providing rules for when they are deemed to be received;

(q) respecting anything that this Act requires or authorizes to be prescribed, or to be done in accordance with the regulations, specified in the regulations or determined by the regulations, unless the matter is referred to in subsection (1);

(r) respecting any matter advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of the regulations made under this subsection. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35; 2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 3.

Same

(3)  A regulation made under clause (1) (a) may provide that the manner of determining annual gross income be based on the calculations required to be made under the Income Tax Act (Canada). 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35.

Same

(4)  A regulation made under clause (2) (a) may require different classes of persons to apply for a farming business registration number at different times. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35.

Same

(5)  A regulation made under clause (2) (i) may require different classes of persons referred to in subsection 21 (1) to pay different amounts. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35.

Same

(6)  A regulation made under clause (2) (l) shall not set a term of less than three years. 2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35.

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

1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (4) - 22/12/1999

[2019, c. 4, Sched. 1, s. 11](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19004" \l "sched1s11) - no effect - see [2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 4](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20018" \l "sched7s4) - 21/07/2020; [2019, c. 14, Sched. 3, s. 35](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S19014" \l "sched3s35) - 01/01/2021

[2020, c. 18, Sched. 7, s. 3](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S20018" \l "sched7s3) - 01/01/2021

**34** Repealed: 1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (5).

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

1999, c. 12, Sched. A, s. 12 (5) - 22/12/1999

**35** Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act). 1993, c. 21, s. 35.

**36** Omitted (enacts short title of this Act). 1993, c. 21, s. 36.

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