

EMPLOYMENT PACT ^{PLUS}

Protecting Jobs *and Preparing for Recovery*

INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY COLLECTIVE DISMISSALS

To help attenuate the effects of the recession, **Employment Pact PLUS** offers the **Income Support Program for Workers Affected by Collective Dismissals**.

PURPOSE

The goal of the **Income Support Program for Workers Affected by Collective Dismissals** is to provide individuals targeted by the program with financial assistance in order to help them keep their assets and avoid having them turn to last-resort financial assistance.

TARGET GROUP

The program is aimed at people who have definitively lost their job since April 1, 2009 or been laid off for a period of at least six months following a collective dismissal.

For the purposes of the program, “collective dismissal” means the termination of employment or layoff of **50 or more salaried employees** at the same establishment for a period of at least six months.

The termination of employment or layoff must have been carried out by an establishment that is deemed eligible for the program.

CALCULATION OF ASSISTANCE

The Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale takes into account your income and, if applicable, that of your spouse. Note that for an independent adult, the first \$200 a month¹ of income is not taken into account, regardless of the source. For a two-adult family, the first \$300 a month¹ of income is not taken into account, regardless of the source.

To determine the amount of assistance to which you may be entitled, the Department does not take the value of your property or liquid assets into account or, if applicable, those of your spouse or dependent children.

1. This monthly amount is equivalent to the monthly employment earnings amount excluded under the Social Assistance Program.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTED

For 2009, if you are eligible for the program, you could receive **financial assistance of up to \$650 a month for an independent adult and \$955 a month for a household**. These amounts are increased on January 1 each year using the **Social Assistance Program** basic benefit indexation rate.

PROGRAM BENEFIT PERIOD

Once a business has been deemed eligible for the program, the program applies for a maximum of 24 consecutive months as of the date determined by the Department.

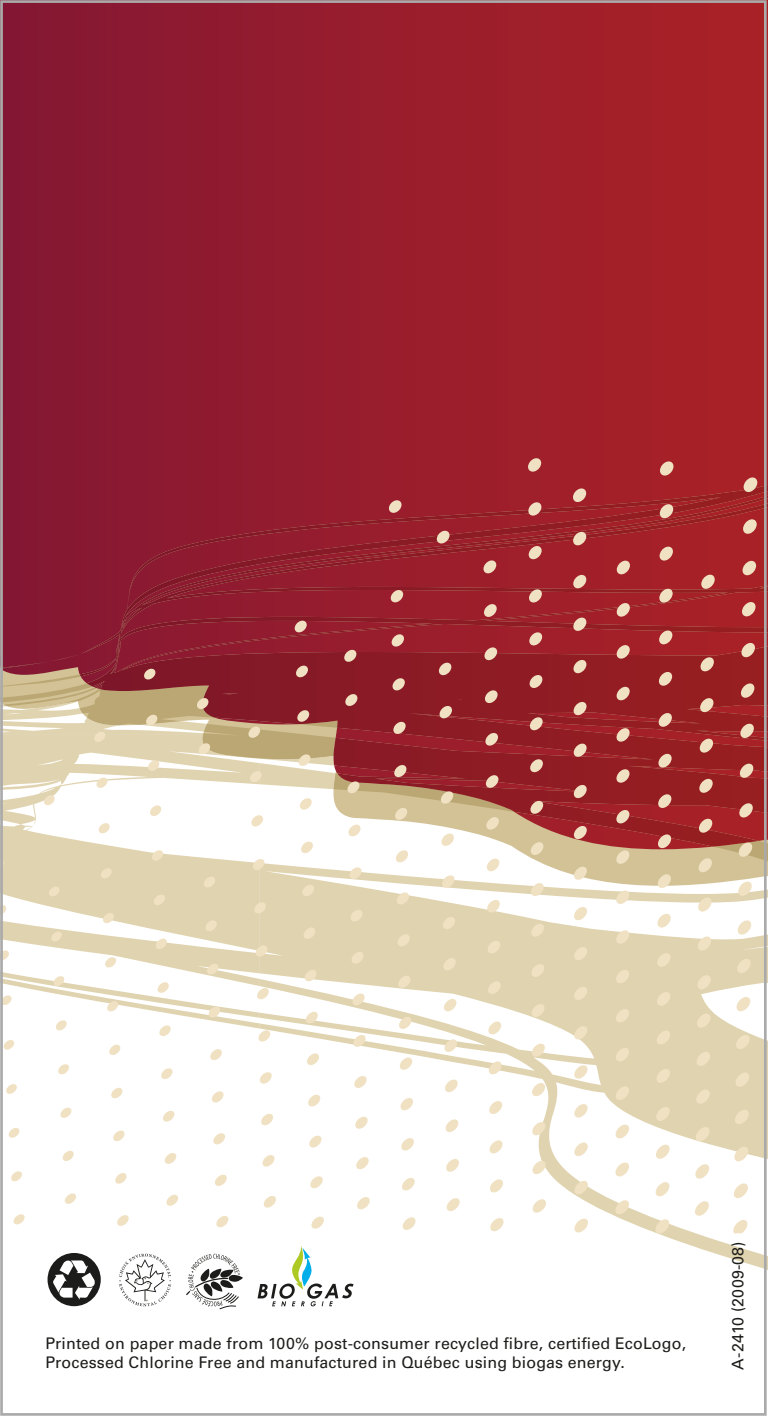
FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can contact the local employment centre closest to you or call the Bureau des renseignements et plaintes of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale at **1 888 643-4721**.

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