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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”)

“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”)

“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”)

“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, as set out in subsection (2), or

(d) a person who is a homemaker,

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”)

“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”)

“labour relations officer” means a labour relations officer appointed under the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*; (“agent des relations de travail”)

“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.
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”)

“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, termination pay and severance 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 or Part XV; (“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 that starts on or after the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force,

- (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”)

“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 and 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.



#### **Person receiving training**

(2) For the purposes of clause (c) of the definition of “employee” in subsection (1), an individual receiving training from a person who is an employer is an employee of that person if the skill in which the individual is being trained is a skill used by the person’s employees, unless all of the following conditions are met:

1. The training is similar to that which is given in a vocational school.
2. The training is for the benefit of the individual.
3. The person providing the training derives little, if any, benefit from the activity of the individual while he or she is being trained.
4. The individual does not displace employees of the person providing the training.
5. The individual is not accorded a right to become an employee of the person providing the training.
6. The individual is advised that he or she will receive no remuneration for the time that he or she spends in training. 2000, c. 41, s. 1 (2).

#### **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).

#### **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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (1) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (1, 2) - 26/11/2002

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 1 - 3/12/2007

2008, c. 15, s. 85 - 8/10/2008

2014, c. 5, s. 48 - 24/04/2014

## **PART II**

### **POSTING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

#### **Minister to prepare poster**

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

#### **If poster not up to date**

(2) If the Minister 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.

#### **Material to be posted**

(3) Every employer shall post and keep posted in at least one conspicuous place in every workplace of the employer where it is likely to come to the attention of employees in that workplace a copy of the most recent poster published by the Minister under this section. 2004, c. 21, s. 1.

#### **Where majority language not English**

(4) If the majority language of a workplace of an employer is a language other than English, the employer shall make enquiries as to whether the Minister has prepared a translation of the poster into that language, and if the Minister has done so, the employer shall post and keep posted a copy of the translation next to the copy of the poster. 2004, c. 21, s. 1; 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (1).

#### **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 Minister under this section. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2).

**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 Minister has prepared a translation of the poster into that language, and if the Minister has done so, the employer shall provide the employee with a copy of the translation. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2).

**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).

**Same – transition**

(8) If an employer has one or more employees on the day section 1 of Schedule 2 to the *Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act, 2014* comes into force, the employer shall provide his or her employees with a copy of the poster within 30 days of that day. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2).

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

2004, c. 21, s. 1 - 1/03/2005

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (1) - 20/11/2014; 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 1 (2) - 20/05/2015

**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).

**Exception, employees of the Crown, etc.**

(4) Only the following provisions of this Act apply with respect to an employee and his or her employer if the employer is the Crown, a Crown agency or an authority, board, commission or corporation all of whose members are appointed by the Crown:

- 1. Part IV (Continuity of Employment).
- 2. Section 14.
- 3. Part XII (Equal Pay for Equal Work).
- 4. Part XIII (Benefit Plans).
- 5. Part XIV (Leaves of Absence).
- 6. Part XV (Termination and Severance of Employment).
- 7. Part XVI (Lie Detectors).
- 8. Part XVIII (Reprisal), except for subclause 74 (1) (a) (vii) and clause 74 (1) (b).
- 9. Part XIX (Building Services Providers). 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (4).

**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.
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, is being held in a detention facility within the meaning of the *Police Services Act* 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, place or facility in a work project or rehabilitation program.
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.
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).
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).
12. Any prescribed individuals. 2000, c. 41, s. 3 (5); 2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 7.

**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).

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

2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 7 - 22/06/2006

**Separate persons treated as one employer**

4. (1) Subsection (2) applies if,
  - (a) associated or related activities or businesses are or were carried on by or through an employer and one or more other persons; and
  - (b) the intent or effect of their doing so is or has been to directly or indirectly defeat the intent and purpose of this Act. 2000, c. 41, 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).

**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).

**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).

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 1 - 6/11/2009

**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).

**Manner of payment**

- (2) An employer shall pay an employee's wages,
- (a) by cash;
  - (b) by cheque payable only to the employee; or
  - (c) in accordance with subsection (4). 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (2).

**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 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) unless the employee agrees otherwise, an office or facility of the financial institution is located within a reasonable distance from the location where the employee usually works. 2000, c. 41, s. 11 (4).

**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).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (2) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (3, 4) - 26/11/2002

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (5) - 26/11/2002

**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).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (3) - 4/09/2001

**Note: On June 10, 2016, the Act is amended by adding the following Part: (Sec: 2015, c. 32, s. 1)**

**PART V.1  
EMPLOYEE TIPS AND OTHER GRATUITIES**

**Definition**

14.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), in this Part,

“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. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

**Same**

- (2) “Tip or other gratuity” does not include,
  - (a) such payments as may be prescribed; and
  - (b) such charges as may be prescribed relating to the method of payment used, or a prescribed portion of those charges. 2015, c. 32, s. 1.

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

2015, c. 32, s. 1 - 10/06/2016

**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)**

2015, c. 32, s. 1 - 10/06/2016

**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)**

2015, c. 32, s. 1 - 10/06/2016

**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.

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

2015, c. 32, s. 1 - 10/06/2016

**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)**

2015, c. 32, s. 1 - 10/06/2016

**PART VI  
RECORDS**

**Records**

15. (1) An employer shall record the following information with respect to each employee, including an employee who is a homeworker:

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.
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 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).

**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 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).

**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 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).

**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, critically ill child care leave, crime-related child death or disappearance leave, personal emergency leave, emergency leave during a declared 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.

**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 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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (6-8) - 26/11/2002

2004, c. 21, s. 2 - 1/03/2005

2006, c. 13, s. 3 (1) - 30/06/2006

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 2 - 3/12/2007

2009, c. 16, s. 1 - 26/06/2009

2014, c. 6, s. 1 - 29/10/2014

**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.
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).

**Additional requirement, alternative vacation entitlement year**

(3) If the employer establishes for an employee an alternative vacation entitlement year that starts on or after the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, 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.
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).

**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 three years after it was made. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9).

**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) This section does not apply with respect to a vacation entitlement year or a stub period that is completed before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (9) - 26/11/2002

#### **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)**

2004, c. 21, s. 3 - 1/03/2005

### **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,
- (a) 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;
  - (b) the employer has received an approval under section 17.1 that applies to the employee or to a class of employees that includes the employee; and
  - (c) the employee's hours of work in a work week do not exceed the lesser of,
    - (i) the number of hours specified in the agreement, and
    - (ii) the number of hours specified in the approval. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

#### **Same, pending approval**

(4) Despite subsection (3), an employee's hours of work may exceed the limit set out in clause (1) (b) even though the employer has not received the approval described in clause (3) (b), if,

- (a) the employee has made an agreement described in clause (3) (a) with the employer;
- (b) the employer has served on the Director an application for an approval under section 17.1;
- (c) the application is for an approval that applies to the employee or to a class of employees that includes the employee;
- (d) 30 days have passed since the application was served on the Director;
- (e) the employer has not received a notice that the application has been refused;
- (f) the employer's most recent previous application, if any, for an approval under section 17.1 was not refused;
- (g) the most recent approval, if any, received by the employer under section 17.1 was not revoked;
- (h) the employer has posted and kept posted a copy of the application in at least one conspicuous place in the workplace where the employee works, so that it is likely to come to the employee's attention; and
- (i) the employee's hours of work in a work week do not exceed any of,
  - (i) the number of hours specified in the application,
  - (ii) the number of hours specified in the agreement, and
  - (iii) 60 hours. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

#### **Document re employee rights**

- (5) An agreement described in subsection (2) or in clause (3) (a) 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.

**Revocation by employee**

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

**Revocation by employer**

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

**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 clause (3) (a); 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 clause (3) (a). 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**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 in clause (3) (a) in respect of an employee who is represented by a trade union. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Transition: document re employee rights**

(10) On or before June 1, 2005, an employer who made an agreement described in subsection (8) with an employee who is not represented by a trade union shall provide the employee with a copy of the most recent document published by the Director under section 21.1. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Transition: application for approval before commencement**

(11) If the employer applies for an approval under section 17.1 before March 1, 2005, the 30-day period referred to in clause (4) (d) shall be deemed to end on the later of,

- (a) the last day of the 30-day period; and
- (b) March 1, 2005. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

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

2004, c. 21, s. 4 - 1/03/2005

**Hours in work week: application for approval**

17.1 (1) An employer may apply to the Director for an approval allowing some or all of its employees to work more than 48 hours in a week. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Form**

- (2) The application shall be in a form provided by the Director. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Service of application**

- (3) The application 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 electronic transmission or by telephonic transmission of a facsimile. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**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 employer 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 electronic or telephonic transmission is made, subject to subsection (5). 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Same**

- (5) Service shall be deemed to be effected on the next day on which the Director's office is not closed, if the electronic or telephonic transmission is made,
  - (a) on a day on which the Director's office is closed; or
  - (b) after 5 p.m. on any day. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Application to be posted**

- (6) An employer who makes an application under subsection (1) shall,
  - (a) on the day the application is served on the Director, post a copy of the application in at least one conspicuous place in every workplace of the employer where the employee or class of employees in respect of whom the application applies works, so that it is likely to come to the attention of the employee or class of employees;
  - (b) keep the copy or copies posted as set out in clause (a) until an approval is issued or a notice of refusal is given to the employer. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Criteria**

- (7) The Director may issue an approval to the employer if the Director is of the view that it would be appropriate to do so. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Same**

- (8) In deciding whether it is appropriate to issue an approval to the employer, the Director may take into consideration any factors that he or she considers relevant, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, he or she may consider,
  - (a) any current or past contraventions of this Act or the regulations on the part of the employer;
  - (b) the health and safety of employees; and
  - (c) any prescribed factors. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Employees to whom approval applies**

- (9) An approval applies to the employee or class of employees specified in the approval, and applies to every employee in a specified class whether or not the employee was employed by the employer at the time the approval was issued. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Same**

- (10) For greater certainty, all the employees of the employer may constitute a specified class. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Approval to be posted**

- (11) An employer to whom an approval is issued shall,
  - (a) remove the copy or copies of the application that were posted under subsection (6); and
  - (b) post the approval or a copy of the approval in at least one conspicuous place in every workplace of the employer where the employee or class of employees in respect of whom the approval applies works, so that it is likely to come to the attention of the employee or class of employees. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Same**

(12) The employer shall keep each approval or copy posted as set out in clause (11) (b) until the approval expires or is revoked, and shall then remove it. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Expiry**

(13) An approval under this section expires on the date that is specified in the approval, which shall not be more than three years after the approval was issued. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Same**

(14) Despite subsection (13), an approval under this section that would allow an employee to work more than 60 hours in a week shall specify an expiry date that is not more than one year after the approval was issued. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Conditions**

(15) The Director may impose conditions on an approval. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Revocation**

(16) The Director may revoke an approval on giving the employer such notice as the Director considers reasonable in the circumstances. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Criteria**

(17) In deciding whether to impose conditions on or to revoke an approval, the Director may take into consideration any factors that he or she considers relevant, including but not limited to any factor that the Director could consider under subsection (8). 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Further applications**

(18) For greater certainty, nothing in this section prevents an employer from applying for an approval after an earlier approval expires or is revoked or after an application is refused. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Refusal to approve**

(19) If the Director decides that it is inappropriate to issue an approval to the employer, the Director shall give notice to the employer that the application for approval has been refused. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Notice to be posted**

(20) An employer who receives notice from the Director that an application has been refused shall,

(a) remove the copy or copies of the application that were posted under subsection (6); and

(b) for the 60-day period following the date on which the notice was issued, post and keep posted the notice or a copy of it in at least one conspicuous place in every workplace of the employer where the employee or the class of employees in respect of whom the application applied works, so that it is likely to come to the attention of that employee or class of employees. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Termination of old approvals**

(21) Any approval granted by the Director under a regulation made under paragraph 8 of subsection 141 (1), as that paragraph read on February 28, 2005, ceases to have effect on March 1, 2005. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Time for applications**

(22) An application under subsection (1) may be made on or after the day the *Employment Standards Amendment Act (Hours of Work and Other Matters)*, 2004 receives Royal Assent. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

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

2004, c. 21, s. 4 - 1/03/2005

**Non-application of s. 5 (2)**

17.2 Despite subsection 5 (2), an employer shall not require or permit an employee to work more than the limit specified in clause 17 (1) (b), except in accordance with subsection 17 (3) or (4), even if one or more provisions in the employee's employment contract that directly relate to limits on hours of work provide a greater benefit, within the meaning of subsection 5 (2), to an employee than is provided by section 17. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

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

2004, c. 21, s. 4 - 1/03/2005

**Delegation by Director**

17.3 (1) The Director may authorize an individual employed in the Ministry to exercise a power or to perform a duty conferred on the Director under section 17.1, either orally or in writing. 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**Residual powers**

(2) The Director may exercise a power conferred on the Director under section 17.1 even if he or she has delegated it to a person under subsection (1). 2004, c. 21, s. 4.

**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). 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (1).

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

2004, c. 21, s. 4 - 1/03/2005

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (1) - 29/11/2010

**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).

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (10) - 26/11/2002

**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 clause 17 (3) (a). 2004, c. 21, s. 5.

**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.

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

2004, c. 21, s. 5 - 1/03/2005

**PART VIII  
OVERTIME PAY**

**Overtime threshold**

22. (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.

**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;
- (b) the employer has received an approval under section 22.1 that applies to the employee or a class of employees that includes the employee; and
- (c) the averaging period does not exceed the lesser of,
  - (i) the number of weeks specified in the agreement, and
  - (ii) the number of weeks specified in the approval. 2004, c. 21, s. 6 (1).

**Same, pending approval**

(2.1) Despite subsection (2), an employee's hours of work may be averaged for the purpose of determining the employee's entitlement, if any, to overtime pay even though the employer has not received the approval described in clause (2) (b), if,

- (a) the employee has made an agreement described in clause (2) (a) with the employer;
- (b) the employer has served on the Director an application for an approval under section 22.1;
- (c) the application is for an approval that applies to the employee or to a class of employees that includes the employee;
- (d) 30 days have passed since the application was served on the Director;
- (e) the employer has not received a notice that the application has been refused;
- (f) the employer's most recent previous application, if any, for an approval under section 22.1 was not refused;
- (g) the most recent approval, if any, received by the employer under section 22.1 was not revoked; and
- (h) the employee's hours of work, pending the approval, are averaged over separate, non-overlapping, contiguous periods of not more than two consecutive weeks. 2004, c. 21, s. 6 (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) An averaging agreement is not valid unless it provides for an expiry date and, if it involves an employee who is not represented by a trade union, the expiry date shall not be more than two years after the day the agreement takes effect. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (3).

**Agreement may be renewed**

(4) Nothing in subsection (3) prevents an employer and employee from agreeing to renew or replace an averaging agreement. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (4).

**Existing agreement**

(5) An averaging agreement made before this Act comes into force that was approved by the Director under the *Employment Standards Act* is valid for the purposes of subsection (2) until,

- (a) one year after the day this section comes into force; or
- (b) if the employee is represented by a trade union and a collective agreement applies to the employee,
  - (i) the day a subsequent collective agreement that applies to the employee comes into operation, or
  - (ii) if no subsequent collective agreement comes into operation within one year after the existing agreement expires, at the end of that year. 2000, c. 41, s. 22 (5); 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (4).

**Transition: application for approval before commencement**

(5.1) If the employer applies for an approval under section 22.1 before March 1, 2005, the 30-day period referred to in clause (2.1) (d) shall be deemed to end on the later of,

- (a) the last day of the 30-day period; and
- (b) March 1, 2005. 2004, c. 21, s. 6 (2).

**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).

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (4) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (11) - 26/11/2002

2004, c. 21, s. 6 (1, 2) - 1/03/2005

2011, c. 1, Sched. 7, s. 1 - 30/03/2011

**Averaging: application for approval**

22.1 (1) An employer may apply to the Director for an approval permitting the employer to average an employee's hours of work for the purpose of determining the employee's entitlement, if any, to overtime pay. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Form**

(2) The application shall be in a form provided by the Director. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Service of application**

(3) The application 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 electronic transmission or by telephonic transmission of a facsimile. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**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 employer 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 electronic or telephonic transmission is made, subject to subsection (5). 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Same**

(5) Service shall be deemed to be effected on the next day on which the Director's office is not closed, if the electronic or telephonic transmission is made,

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

(b) after 5 p.m. on any day. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Criteria**

(6) The Director may issue an approval to the employer if the Director is of the view that it would be appropriate to do so. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Same**

(7) In deciding whether it is appropriate to issue the approval to the employer, the Director may take into consideration any factors that he or she considers relevant, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, he or she may consider,

(a) any current or past contraventions of this Act or the regulations on the part of the employer;

(b) the health and safety of employees; and

(c) any prescribed factors. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Employees to whom approval applies**

(8) An approval applies to the employee or class of employees specified in the approval, and applies to every employee in a specified class whether or not the employee was employed by the employer at the time the approval was issued. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Same**

(9) For greater certainty, all the employees of the employer may constitute a specified class. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Approval to be posted**

(10) An employer to whom an approval is issued shall post the approval or a copy of the approval in at least one conspicuous place in every workplace of the employer where the employee or the class of employees in respect of whom the approval applies works, so that it is likely to come to the attention of that employee or class of employees. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Same**

(11) The employer shall keep each approval or copy posted as set out in subsection (10) until the approval expires or is revoked, and shall then remove it. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Expiry**

(12) An approval under this section expires on the date on which the averaging agreement between the employer and the employee expires, or on the earlier date that the Director specifies in the approval. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Conditions**

(13) The Director may impose conditions on an approval. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Revocation**

(14) The Director may revoke an approval on giving the employer such notice as the Director considers reasonable in the circumstances. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Criteria**

(15) In deciding whether to impose conditions on or to revoke an approval, the Director may take into consideration any factors that he or she considers relevant, including but not limited to any factor that the Director could consider under subsection (7). 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Further applications**

(16) For greater certainty, nothing in this section prevents an employer from applying for an approval after an earlier approval expires or is revoked or after an application is refused. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Refusal to approve**

(17) If the Director decides that it is inappropriate to issue an approval to the employer, the Director shall give notice to the employer that the application for approval has been refused. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Termination of old approvals**

(18) Any approval of an averaging agreement that is granted by the Director under a regulation made under paragraph 7 of subsection 141 (1), as that paragraph read on February 28, 2005, ceases to have effect on March 1, 2005. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Time for applications**

(19) An application under subsection (1) may be made on or after the day the *Employment Standards Amendment Act (Hours of Work and Other Matters)*, 2004 receives Royal Assent. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

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

2004, c. 21, s. 7 - 1/03/2005

**Delegation by Director**

22.2 (1) The Director may authorize an individual employed in the Ministry to exercise a power or to perform a duty conferred on the Director under section 22.1, either orally or in writing. 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**Residual powers**

(2) The Director may exercise a power conferred on the Director under section 22.1 even if he or she has delegated it to a person under subsection (1). 2004, c. 21, s. 7.

**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). 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (2).

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

2004, c. 21, s. 7 - 1/03/2005

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (2) - 29/11/2010

**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).

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

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 2 (1-4) - 20/11/2014

**Determination of minimum wage**

23.1 (1) The minimum wage is the following:

1. Until September 30, 2015, the amount that is the prescribed minimum wage for the following classes of employees:
  - i. Employees who are students under 18 years of age, if the weekly hours of the student are not in excess of 28 hours or if the student is employed during a school holiday.
  - ii. Employees who, as a regular part of their employment, serve liquor directly to customers, guests, members or patrons in premises for which a licence or permit has been issued under the *Liquor Licence Act*.
  - iii. Hunting and fishing guides.
  - iv. Employees who are homeworkers.
  - v. Any other employees not listed in subparagraphs i to iv.
2. From October 1, 2015 onwards, the amount determined under subsection (4). 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

**Exception**

(2) If a class of employees that would otherwise be in the class described in subparagraph 1 v 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.

**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 every year starting in 2015, 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.

#### **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 2014, 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.

#### **Same**

(8) If a prescribed minimum wage described in paragraph 1 of subsection (1) changes after the Minister has published the minimum wages that are to apply starting on October 1, 2015, the Minister shall promptly publish the new wage that will apply starting on October 1, 2015 as a result of the change. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

#### **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.

#### **Review**

(10) Before October 1, 2020, and every five years thereafter, the Minister shall cause a review of the minimum wage and the process for adjusting the minimum wage to be commenced. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

#### **Same**

(11) The Minister may specify a date by which a review under subsection (10) must be completed. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3.

#### **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.

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

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 3 - 20/11/2014

## **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. 2000, c. 41, s. 24 (1); 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (12).

#### **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).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (12) - 26/11/2002

### **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).

### **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).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (13) - 26/11/2002

**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).

**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).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (14) - 26/11/2002

##### **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).

##### **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).

##### **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).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (15, 16) - 26/11/2002

##### **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).

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (17) - 26/11/2002

**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 at least two weeks after each vacation entitlement year that he or she completes. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**Active and inactive employment**

(2) Both active employment and inactive employment shall be included for the purposes of subsection (1). 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**Where vacation not taken in complete weeks**

(3) If an employee does not take his or her vacation in complete weeks and the 12-month period of employment to which the vacation relates begins on or after the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, the employer shall base the number of days of vacation that the employee is entitled to on,

- (a) the number of days in the employee's regular work week;
- (b) if the employee does not have a regular work week, the average number of days the employee worked per week during the most recently completed vacation entitlement year. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**Same**

(4) If an employee does not take his or her vacation in complete weeks and the 12-month period of employment to which the vacation relates begins before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, the number of vacation days to which the employee is entitled shall be determined as follows:

- 1. If the 12-month period of employment ends before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, the number of days of vacation to which the employee is entitled shall be determined under subsection (3) of this section as it read before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force.
- 2. If the 12-month period of employment had begun but not ended before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, the number of days of vacation to which the employee is entitled shall be the greater of,
  - i. the number of days to which he or she would have been entitled under subsection (3) of this section as it read before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force, and
  - ii. the number of days to which he or she would be entitled under subsection (3) of this section as re-enacted by section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002*. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18) - 26/11/2002

**Alternative vacation entitlement year**

**Application**

34. (1) This section applies if the employer establishes for an employee an alternative vacation entitlement year that starts on or after the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**Vacation for stub period**

- (2) 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 him or her 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 him or her a vacation for the stub period that is equal to  $2 \times A$  times the ratio calculated under paragraph 1, where,  
A = the average number of days the employee worked per work week in the stub period.

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**Active and inactive employment**

(3) Both active employment and inactive employment shall be included for the purposes of subsection (2). 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18) - 26/11/2002

**Timing of vacation**

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

1. The vacation shall be completed no later than 10 months after the end of the vacation entitlement year for which it is given.
2. The vacation shall 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. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18) - 26/11/2002

**Timing of vacation, alternative vacation entitlement year**

35.1 (1) This section applies if the employer establishes for an employee an alternative vacation entitlement year that starts on or after the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18) - 26/11/2002

**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 4 per cent of the wages, excluding vacation pay, that the employee earned during the period for which the vacation is given. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (18) - 26/11/2002

**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 agrees 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).

**Same**

(4) The employer may pay the employee vacation pay at a time agreed to by the employee. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (7).

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (5-7) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (19, 20) - 26/11/2002

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (8) - 4/09/2001

**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).

**Transition**

- (6) This section does not apply with respect to a vacation entitlement year that is completed before the day on which section 3 of Schedule J to the *Government Efficiency Act, 2002* comes into force. 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21).

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

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (21) - 26/11/2002

**PART XII  
EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK**

**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).

**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).

**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).

### **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)**

2004, c. 15, s. 1 - 13/06/2005

### **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; (“père ou mère”)

“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.

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (9) - 4/09/2001

2004, c. 15, s. 2 - 29/06/2004

2005, c. 5, s. 23 - 9/03/2005

### **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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (10) - 4/09/2001

**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) six weeks after the birth, still-birth or miscarriage. 2000, c. 41, s. 47 (1).

**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).

**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).

**When leave may begin**

(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. 2000, c. 41, s. 48 (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).

**End of parental leave**

49. (1) An employee's parental leave ends 35 weeks after it began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave and 37 weeks after it began, otherwise. 2000, c. 41, s. 49 (1).

**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).

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

**Family medical leave**

49.1 (1) In this section,

“qualified health practitioner” means a person who is qualified to practise medicine under the laws of the jurisdiction in which care or treatment is provided to the individual described in subsection (3) or, 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.

**Entitlement to leave**

(2) An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to eight 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. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

**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.
3. A child, step-child or foster child of the employee or the employee's spouse.
4. Any individual prescribed as a family member for the purpose of this section. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

**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 week in which the period referred to in subsection (2) ends. 2004, c. 15, s. 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 eight weeks during the period referred to in subsection (2) that applies to the first certificate issued for the purpose of this section. 2004, c. 15, s. 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 period referred to in subsection (2), 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. 2004, c. 15, s. 3.

**Leave under ss. 49.3, 49.4, 49.5 and 50**

(12) An employee’s entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to any entitlement to leave under sections 49.3, 49.4, 49.5 and 50. 2014, c. 6, s. 2 (2).

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2004, c. 15, s. 3 - 29/06/2004

2014, c. 6, s. 2 (1, 2) - 29/10/2014

**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.

**Leave under s. 50**

(15) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to any entitlement to leave under section 50. 2009, c. 16, s. 2.

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

2009, c. 16, s. 2 - 26/06/2009

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Leave under ss. 49.1, 49.4, 49.5 and 50**

(9) An employee’s entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to any entitlement to leave under sections 49.1, 49.4, 49.5 and 50. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

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

2014, c. 6, s. 3 - 29/10/2014

**CRITICALLY ILL CHILD CARE LEAVE**

**Critically ill child care leave**

**Definitions**

49.4 (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”)

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

“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
- (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 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 child of the employee if a qualified health practitioner issues a certificate that,

- (a) states that the child is a critically ill child who requires the care or support of one or more parents; and
- (b) sets out the period during which the child requires the care or support. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same**

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), an employee is entitled to take up to 37 weeks leave under this section to provide care or support to a critically ill child of the employee. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — more than one child critically ill**

(5) If more than one child of the employee is critically ill as the result of the same event, the employee is not entitled to take a leave for a longer period than the period that would otherwise apply under subsection (3) or (4). 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**When leave must end**

(6) Subject to subsections (7) and (8), a leave under this section ends no later than the last day of the period specified in the certificate described in subsection (2). 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Limitation period**

(7) If the period specified in the certificate described in subsection (2) 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 child in respect of whom the certificate was issued became critically ill. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — more than one child critically ill**

(8) If more than one child of the employee is critically ill as the result of the same event and the period specified in any certificate described in subsection (2) that was issued in respect of any of the children 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 first certificate is issued in respect of any of the children; and
- (b) the first day of the week in which the first of the children in respect of whom a certificate was issued became critically ill. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Death of child**

(9) Subject to subsection (10), if a critically ill child dies while an employee is on a leave under this section, the employee’s entitlement to be on leave ends at the end of the week in which the child dies. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — more than one child critically ill**

(10) Subsection (9) does not apply if more than one child of the employee is critically ill as the result of the same event, unless all of the children die while the employee is on leave, in which case the employee’s entitlement to be on leave ends at the end of the week in which the last child dies. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Total amount of leave**

(11) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under this section in respect of the same child, or children who are critically ill as the result of the same event, is 37 weeks. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Further leave**

(12) If one or more children in respect of whom an employee has taken a leave under this section remain critically ill while the employee is on leave or after the employee returns to work, but before the 52-week period described in subsection (7) or (8) 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 child or children that sets out a different period during which the child or children require care or support;
- (b) the total amount of leave taken in the leave or combined leaves, as the case may be, does not exceed 37 weeks; and
- (c) the leave ends no later than the last day of the period described in subsection (7) or (8). 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Additional leaves**

(13) If one or more children in respect of whom an employee has taken a leave under this section remain critically ill after the 52-week period described in subsection (7) or (8) expires, the employee is entitled to take another leave and the requirements of this section apply to the new leave. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Advising employer**

(14) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same**

(15) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — change in employees plan**

(16) An employee may take a leave at a time other than that indicated in the plan provided under subsection (14) or (15) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Copy of certificate**

(17) 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.

**Leave under ss. 49.1, 49.3, 49.5 and 50**

(18) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to any entitlement to leave under sections 49.1, 49.3, 49.5 and 50. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

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

2014, c. 6, s. 3 - 29/10/2014

**CRIME-RELATED CHILD DEATH OR DISAPPEARANCE LEAVE**

**Crime-related child death or disappearance leave**

**Definitions**

49.5 (1) In this section,

“child” means a child, step-child or foster child 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); (“crime”)

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

**Entitlement to leave — death of 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 of up to 104 weeks if a child of the employee dies and it is probable, considering the circumstances, that the child died as a result of a crime. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Entitlement to leave — disappearance of child**

(3) 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 of up to 52 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — 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 died or disappeared as a result of a crime change and it no longer seems probable that the child died or disappeared as a result of a crime, the employee's entitlement to leave ends on the day on which it no longer seems probable. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — child found**

(6) Subject to subsection (7), if an employee takes a leave of absence under subsection (3) and the child is found within the 52-week period that begins in the week the child disappears, the employee is entitled to,

- (a) remain on leave for 14 days after the day the child is found, if the child is found alive; or
- (b) take 104 weeks of leave from the day the child disappeared, if the child is found dead, whether or not the employee is still on leave when the child is found. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — exception**

(7) If the child is found dead more than 52 weeks after the week in which the child disappeared, the employee is entitled to take a leave under subsection (2) of up to 104 weeks. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Single period**

(8) An employee may take a leave under this section only in a single period. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same**

(9) Despite subsection (8), an employee may take a leave under this section in two or more periods if clause (6) (b) applies. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Limitation period — death of child**

(10) An employee may take a leave under subsection (2) only during the 105-week period that begins in the week the child dies. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Limitation period — disappearance of child**

(11) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (6), an employee may take a leave under subsection (3) only during the 53-week period that begins in the week the child disappears. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Total amount of leave — death of child**

(12) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under subsection (2) in respect of a death, or deaths that are the result of the same event, is 104 weeks. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Total amount of leave — disappearance of child**

(13) The total amount of leave that may be taken by one or more employees under subsection (3) in respect of a disappearance, or disappearances that are the result of the same event, is 52 weeks. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Advising employer**

(14) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.



**Same**

(15) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Same — change in employees plan**

(16) An employee may take a leave at a time other than that indicated in the plan provided under subsection (14) or (15) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Evidence**

(17) 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. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

**Leave under ss. 49.1, 49.3, 49.4 and 50**

(18) An employee's entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to any entitlement to leave under sections 49.1, 49.3, 49.4 and 50. 2014, c. 6, s. 3.

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

2014, c. 6, s. 3 - 29/10/2014

PERSONAL EMERGENCY LEAVE

**Personal emergency leave**

50. (1) An employee whose employer regularly employs 50 or more employees is entitled to a leave of absence without pay because of any of the following:

1. A personal illness, injury or medical emergency.
2. The death, illness, injury or medical emergency of an individual described in subsection (2).
3. An urgent matter that concerns an individual described in subsection (2). 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (1).

**Same**

(2) Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection (1) 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 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. 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (2); 2004, c. 15, s. 4.

**Advising employer**

(3) An employee who wishes to take leave under this section shall advise his or her employer that he or she will be doing so. 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (3).

**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. 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (4).

**Limit**

(5) An employee is entitled to take a total of 10 days' leave under this section in each calendar year. 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (5); 2004, c. 21, s. 8.

**Leave deemed to be taken in entire days**

(6) 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's leave on that day for the purposes of subsection (5). 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (6).

**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. 2000, c. 41, s. 50 (7).

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

2004, c. 15, s. 4 - 29/06/2004; 2004, c. 21, s. 8 - 1/03/2005

2006, c. 13, s. 3 (2) - 30/06/2006

EMERGENCY LEAVE, DECLARED EMERGENCIES

**Emergency leave, declared emergencies**

50.1 (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 because of an emergency declared under section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and,

- (a) because of an order that applies to him or her made under section 7.0.2 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*;
- (b) because of an order that applies to him or her made under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*;
- (c) because he or she is needed to provide care or assistance to an individual referred to in subsection (8); or
- (d) because of such other reasons as may be prescribed. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**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**

(4) An employer may require an employee who takes leave under this section to provide evidence reasonable in the circumstances at a time that is reasonable in the circumstances that the employee is entitled to the leave. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**Limit**

(5) An employee is entitled to take a leave under this section 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 clause (1) (a), (b), (c) or (d), but, subject to subsection (6), the entitlement ends on the day the emergency is terminated or disallowed. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**Same**

(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).

**Additional to entitlement under s. 50**

(7) The entitlement to leave under this section is in addition to the entitlement to leave under section 50. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**Care or assistance, specified individuals**

(8) Clause (1) (c) 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. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**Definitions**

(9) The definitions of "parent" and "spouse" in section 45 apply for the purpose of subsection (8). 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

**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) clause 74 (1) (a) applies with necessary modifications in relation to the deemed leave described in clause (a). 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3).

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

2006, c. 13, s. 3 (3) - 30/06/2006

**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; or
- (c) the prescribed circumstances apply. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

**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 this section unless he or she has been employed by the employer for at least the prescribed period or, if no period is prescribed, for at least six consecutive months. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3.

**Length of leave**

(4) An employee is entitled to take leave under this section for the prescribed period or, if no period is prescribed, for as long as clause (1) (a) or (b) or the circumstances set out in a regulation made under clause (1) (c) apply to him or her. 2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 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.

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

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 3 - 3/12/2007

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.

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

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 4 - 3/12/2007

**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).

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (11) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (22) - 26/11/2002

**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.

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

2014, c. 6, s. 4 - 29/10/2014

**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).

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

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 5 - 3/12/2007

**PART XV  
TERMINATION AND SEVERANCE OF EMPLOYMENT**

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (12) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (23) - 26/11/2002

**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; and
- (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. 2000, c. 41, s. 58 (2).

**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).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (13) - 4/09/2001

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (14, 15) - 4/09/2001

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (24, 25) - 26/11/2002

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (16) - 4/09/2001

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (26) - 26/11/2002

2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (1) - 15/12/2009

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (17) - 4/09/2001

**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 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.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 2 - 6/11/2009

**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 force in Ontario or by a member of a police force in Ontario in the course of the investigation of an offence. 2000, c. 41, s. 71.

**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).

**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,
  - (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; 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).

**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).

**PART XVIII.1**  
**TEMPORARY HELP AGENCIES**  
INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

**Interpretation**

74.1 (1) In this Part,

“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”)

“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”)

“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”) 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

**Same**

(2) An assignment employee is assigned to perform work for a client of a temporary help agency if the employee is assigned to receive training from the client for the purpose of performing the work for the client. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**Application**

74.2 This Part does not apply in relation to an individual who is an assignment employee assigned to provide professional services, personal support services or homemaking services as defined in the *Long-Term Care Act, 1994* if the assignment is made under a contract between,

- (a) the individual and a community care access corporation within the meaning of the *Community Care Access Corporations Act, 2001*; or
- (b) an employer of the individual and a community care access corporation within the meaning of the *Community Care Access Corporations Act, 2001*. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**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.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**OBLIGATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**

**Agency to keep records re: work for client**

74.4.1 (1) In addition to the information that an employer is required to record under Part VI, a temporary help agency shall record the number of hours worked by each assignment employee for each client of the agency in each day and each week. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4.

**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)**

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4 - 20/11/2015

**Client to keep records re: work for client**

74.4.2 (1) A client of a temporary help agency shall record the number of hours worked by each assignment employee assigned to perform work for the client in each day and each week. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4.

**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)**

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 4 - 20/11/2015

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

### **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.

#### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

#### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

#### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

**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), provide the information required to be provided to the Director under clause 58 (2) (a) 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 sub-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 sub-subparagraph A that the employee has completed, divided by 12. 2009, c. 9, s. 3; 2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (2-6).

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

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009; 2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (2-6) - 15/12/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 33, Sched. 20, s. 1 (7) - 15/12/2009

## 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,
  - (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; 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.

### 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)

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

## ENFORCEMENT

### Steps required before complaint assigned

74.12.1 For the purposes of the application of section 96.1 in respect of this Part, the following modifications apply:

1. If an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee files a complaint alleging that a temporary help agency has contravened or is contravening section 74.8,
  - i. a reference to a complainant in section 96.1 is a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee, as the case requires,
  - ii. a reference to an employer in section 96.1 is a reference to a temporary help agency, and
  - iii. a reference to wages in section 96.1 is a reference to fees charged to the assignment employee or prospective assignment employee in contravention of paragraph 1, 2, 3, 5 or 9 of subsection 74.8 (1).
2. If an assignment employee files a complaint alleging that a client has contravened or is contravening section 74.12,
  - i. a reference to a complainant in section 96.1 is a reference to an assignment employee, and
  - ii. a reference to an employer in section 96.1 is a reference to a client. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (3).

### Section amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (3) - 29/11/2010

### 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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (4-6) - 29/11/2010

**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)**

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (7) - 29/11/2010

#### **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; or
- (b) order the agency to pay the amount of the fee to the Director in trust. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

#### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

#### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

#### **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 pay to the Director in trust,

- (a) the amount of the compensation; and
- (b) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation. 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 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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

##### **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 pay to the Director in trust,

- (a) the amount of the compensation; and
- (b) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation. 2009, c. 9, s. 3.

##### **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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 3 - 6/11/2009

##### **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)**

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 5 - 20/11/2015

**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 Part III of the *Corporations Act* applies or to which the *Co-operative Corporations Act* applies. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (2).

**Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, subsection (2) is amended by striking out “Part III of the *Corporations Act*” and substituting “the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*”. See: 2010, c. 15, ss. 224, 249.**

#### 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 Part III of the *Corporations Act* applies or to which the *Co-operative Corporations Act* applies; and

**Note: On a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, clause (b) is amended by striking out “Part III of the *Corporations Act*” and substituting “the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*”. See: 2010, c. 15, ss. 224, 249.**

(c) that are carried on without the purpose of gain. 2000, c. 41, s. 80 (4).

#### Section amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

2010, c. 15, s. 224 - 10/06/2016

#### 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).

**Interest**

(8) A director is liable to pay interest, at the rate and calculated in the manner determined by the Director under subsection 88 (5), on outstanding wages for which the director is liable. 2000, c. 41, s. 81 (8).

**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).

**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)**

2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 33 - 20/08/2007

**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 rate of interest and the manner of calculating interest for the purposes of this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 88 (5).

**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)**

2006, c. 21, Sched. F, s. 136 (1) - 25/07/2007

**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)**

2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (1) - 22/06/2006

**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).

**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)**

2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (2) - 22/06/2006

**Self-audit**

91.1 (1) An employment standards officer may, by giving written notice, require an employer to conduct an examination of the employer's records, practices or both to determine whether the employer is in compliance with one or more provisions of this Act or the regulations. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Examination and report**

(2) If an employer is required to conduct an examination under subsection (1), the employer shall conduct the examination and report the results of the examination to the employment standards officer in accordance with the notice and the requirements of this section. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Notice**

(3) A notice given under subsection (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. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Same**

(4) A notice given under subsection (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. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Same**

(5) A notice given under subsection (1) may,

- (a) require the employer to include in the report to the employment standards officer an assessment of whether the employer has complied with this Act or the regulations;
- (b) require the employer to include in the report to the employment standards officer an assessment of whether one or more employees are owed wages if, pursuant to clause (a), the employer has included an assessment that the employer has not complied with this Act or the regulations; and
- (c) require the employer to pay wages owed if, pursuant to clause (b), the employer assesses that one or more employees are owed wages. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Report – unpaid wages**



(6) If the employer's report includes an assessment that one or more employees are owed wages, the employer shall include the following in the report to the employment standards officer:

1. The name of every employee who is owed wages and the amount of wages owed to the employee.
2. An explanation of how the amount of wages owed to the employee was determined.
3. If the notice under subsection (1) requires payment, proof of payment of the amount owed to the employee. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Same – other non-compliance**

(7) If the employer's report includes an assessment that the employer has not complied with this Act or the regulations but no employees are owed wages as a result of the failure to comply, the employer shall include in the report 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. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Orders**

(8) If an employer's report includes an assessment that the employer owes wages to one or more employees, or that the employer has otherwise not complied with this Act or the regulations, and the employment standards officer determines that the employer's assessment is correct, the officer may issue an order under section 103 or 108, as the officer determines is appropriate. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Inspection, investigation, enforcement not precluded**

(9) Nothing in this section precludes an employment standards officer from conducting an investigation or inspection, and from taking such enforcement action under this Act as the officer considers appropriate. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**Same**

- (10) Without restricting the generality of subsection (9), an employment standards officer may,
- (a) conduct an investigation or inspection that covers a period or part of a period specified in the notice under subsection (1); and
  - (b) take such enforcement action under this Act as the officer considers appropriate, including issuing an order under section 103 or 108, if, despite the employer's report indicating that the employer did comply, the officer determines that the employer did not comply with this Act or the regulations during a period or part of a period specified in the notice under subsection (1). 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

**False information**

(11) No employer shall provide a report required under this section that contains information that the employer knows to be false or misleading. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6.

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

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 6 - 20/05/2015

**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)**

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (27) - 26/11/2002

2009, c. 32, s. 51 (1, 2) - 22/03/2010

**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 sections 8, 17.1 and 22.1, 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.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 4 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (18) - 4/09/2001

**Steps required before complaint assigned**

96.1 (1) The Director shall not assign a complaint to an employment standards officer for investigation unless the complainant has taken the steps specified by the Director to facilitate the investigation of the complaint. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Exception**

(2) Despite subsection (1), the Director may assign a complaint to an employment standards officer for investigation even though the complainant has not taken the specified steps. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Same**

(3) Without restricting the generality of subsection (1), the Director may specify that,

- (a) the complainant shall inform the employer of the basis for his or her view that this Act has been or is being contravened and, if he or she is of the view that wages are owed, the amount of the wages;
- (b) the complainant shall indicate to the Director in writing what information was given to the employer under clause (a), the manner in which it was given and the response, if any, that the employer gave; and
- (c) the complainant shall give the Director such evidence and other information in writing as the Director considers appropriate for assigning the complaint to an employment standards officer for investigation. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Where steps not taken**

(4) If the Director determines that a complainant has not taken the specified steps, the Director shall inform the complainant that the complaint has not been assigned to an employment standards officer for investigation. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Deemed refusal**

(5) If a complainant has been informed that his or her complaint has not been assigned to an employment standards officer and the complainant has not taken the specified steps within a period of six months after the complaint was filed, an employment standards officer shall be deemed to have refused to issue an order and to have served a letter on the complainant advising him or her of the refusal on the last day of the six-month period. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Delegation by Director**

(6) The Director may authorize an individual employed in the Ministry to exercise the power conferred on the Director under subsection (2) or (4), either orally or in writing. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Duty re policies**

(7) An individual authorized by the Director under subsection (6) shall follow any policies established by the Director under subsection 88 (2). 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

**Residual power**

(8) The Director may exercise a power conferred on the Director under subsection (2) or (4) even if he or she delegated it to a person under subsection (6). 2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8).

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

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (8) - 29/11/2010

**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).

**Amount in excess of order**

- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply even if,
- (a) the amount alleged to be owing to the employee is greater than the amount for which an order can be issued under this Act; or
  - (b) in the civil proceeding, the employee is claiming only that part of the amount alleged to be owing that is in excess of the amount for which an order can be issued under this Act. 2000, c. 41, s. 97 (3).

**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).

**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. If the order requires the payment of wages, the order may be made for an amount greater than is permitted under subsection 103 (4).
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).

**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)**

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9) - 29/11/2010

101.2 REPEALED: 2000, c. 41, s. 101.2 (7).

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

2000, c. 41, s. 101.2 (7) - 29/11/2012

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (9) - 29/11/2010

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 5 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009; 2009, c. 32, s. 51 (3) - 22/03/2010

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (10) - 29/11/2010

**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)**

2010, c. 16, Sched. 9, s. 1 (11) - 29/11/2010

**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; or  
(b) order the employer to pay the amount of wages to the Director in trust. 2000, c. 41, s. 103 (1).

**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).

**Maximum amount**

(4) An employment standards officer shall not issue an order under this section for more than \$10,000 in wages with respect to any one employee for wages that become due to the employee before the day subsection 7 (1) of Schedule 2 to the *Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act, 2014* comes into force. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (4) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 7 (2), 10 (5))**

**Same**

(4.1) There is no limit on the amount of an order issued under this section for wages that become due to an employee on or after the day subsection 7 (1) of Schedule 2 to the *Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act, 2014* comes into force. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (4.1) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 7 (2), 10 (5))**

#### **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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (19, 20) - 4/09/2001

2009, c. 9, s. 6 - 6/11/2009

2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 7 (1, 2) - 20/02/2015

#### **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 pay to the Director in trust,

- (a) the amount of the compensation; and
- (b) an amount for administration costs equal to the greater of \$100 and 10 per cent of the amount of compensation. 2000, c. 41, s. 104 (3).

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 7 - 6/11/2009

**Employee cannot be found**

105. (1) If an employment standards officer has arranged with an employer that the employer pay wages under clause 103 (1) (a) directly 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. 2000, c. 41, s. 105 (1).

**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).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (21) - 4/09/2001

2009, c. 9, s. 8 (1-3) - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 9 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009

**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, 103, 104, 106 or 107 and an order under this section in respect of the same contravention. 2009, c. 9, s. 10.

**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 within the meaning of Part XVIII.1.
- 2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee within the meaning of Part XVIII.1. 2009, c. 9, s. 10.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 10 - 6/11/2009

**Money paid when no review**

109. (1) Money paid to the Director under an order under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 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.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 11 - 6/11/2009

**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, 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.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 12 - 6/11/2009

**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).

**Transition – time limits**

(3.1) Despite subsections (1) to (3), and subject to subsections (3.2) to (8), if some or all of the wages became due to the employee before the day subsection 8 (4) of Schedule 2 to the *Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act, 2014* came into force, the employment standards officer may not issue an order for the wages that became due before that day if they became due more than six months before the complaint was filed or the inspection was commenced, as the case may be. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (4).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (3.1) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Transition – vacation pay**

(3.2) The time limit within which vacation pay must have become due under subsection (3.1) is 12 months, rather than six months. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (4).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (3.2) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Transition – repeated contraventions**

(4) The time limit within which wages must have become due under subsection (3.1) is 12 months, rather than six months, if,

- (a) the employment standards officer investigating the complaint or performing the inspection finds that the employer has contravened the same provision of this Act or the regulations more than once with respect to the employee;
- (b) the contraventions were in each case with respect to wages to which the employee became entitled under the same provision of this Act or the regulations, or under provisions of the employee's employment contract that are identical or virtually identical; and
- (c) at least one of the contraventions occurred within the six-month period referred to in that subsection. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (4).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (4) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Same**

- (5) Subsection (4) applies with respect to repeated contraventions of section 11 or 13 only if,
  - (a) none of those contraventions are also contraventions of another provision of this Act or the regulations; or
  - (b) all of those contraventions are also contraventions of the same provision of this Act or the regulations, other than section 11 or 13, or of provisions of the employee's employment contract that are identical or virtually identical. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (5) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Transition – complaints from different employees**

(6) If two or more employees file complaints alleging contraventions of this Act or the regulations and at least one of the contraventions in each of the complaints arose under the same provision of this Act or the regulations, or under identical or virtually identical provisions of their employment contracts, subsection (3.1) applies with respect to all of the complaints, as if all of them had been filed on the day the first complaint was filed. 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (5).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (6) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Same**

- (7) Subsection (6) applies with respect to contraventions of section 11 or 13 with respect to different employees only if,
  - (a) none of those contraventions are also contraventions of another provision of this Act or the regulations; or
  - (b) all of those contraventions are also contraventions of the same provision of this Act or the regulations, other than section 11 or 13, or of provisions of the employees' employment contracts that are identical or virtually identical. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (7) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

**Same**

(8) Subsection (6) does not apply with respect to a complaint filed after an employment standards officer has issued an order under subsection (6) with respect to an earlier complaint or advised an earlier complainant of his or her refusal to issue such an order. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22).

**Note: On February 20, 2017, subsection (8) is repealed. (See: 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, ss. 8 (6), 10 (6))**

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

- 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (22) - 4/09/2001
- 2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (28) - 26/11/2002
- 2014, c. 10, Sched. 2, s. 8 (1-6) - 20/02/2015

**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**

(6) If the settlement concerns an order to pay, the Director is, despite clause (1) (c), entitled to be paid 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. 2000, c. 41, s. 112 (6); 2009, c. 9, s. 13 (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).

**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 within the meaning of Part XVIII.1.
- 2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee within the meaning of Part XVIII.1. 2009, c. 9, s. 13 (2).

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

2009, c. 9, s. 13 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009

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 the prescribed penalty for that contravention. 2000, c. 41, s. 113 (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).

**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, 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).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (23) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (29) - 26/11/2002

2009, c. 9, s. 14 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009

**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 within the meaning of Part XVIII.1.
2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee within the meaning of Part XVIII.1. 2009, c. 9, s. 15 (3).

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (24) - 4/09/2001

2009, c. 9, s. 15 (1-3) - 6/11/2009

**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 within the meaning of Part XVIII.1.
2. A reference to an employee includes a reference to an assignment employee or prospective assignment employee within the meaning of Part XVIII.1. 2009, c. 9, s. 16.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 16 - 6/11/2009

**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 or a prospective assignment employee within the meaning of Part XVIII.1. 2009, c. 9, s. 17.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 17 - 6/11/2009

#### **Review**

116. (1) A person against whom an order has been issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 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 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.

#### **Employee seeks review of order**

(2) If an order has been issued under section 74.14, 74.16, 74.17, 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.

#### **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, 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.

#### **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, 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.

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (25, 26) - 4/09/2001

2009, c. 9, s. 18 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 19 - 6/11/2009

**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).

**Effective date of rules under subs. (2)**

(3) A rule made under subsection (2) comes into force on the day determined by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (3).

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (27) - 4/09/2001

2006, c. 19, Sched. M, s. 1 (3) - 22/06/2006; 2006, c. 21, Sched. F, s. 136 (1) - 25/07/2007

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 20 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009

**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 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. 2000, c. 41, s. 120 (6); 2009, c. 9, s. 21.

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

2009, c. 9, s. 21 - 6/11/2009

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) and (3) to (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).

**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), (3), (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).

**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, within the meaning of Part XVIII.1, owes money to or is holding money for a temporary help agency. 2009, c. 9, s. 22.

### 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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 22 - 6/11/2009

2015, c. 27, Sched. 4, s. 1 - 3/12/2015

**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, 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).

**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.

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

2013, c. 13, Sched. 1, s. 12 - 1/01/2015

**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).

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

2009, c. 9, s. 23 - 6/11/2009

**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, 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).

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 24 (1, 2) - 6/11/2009

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 \$50,000 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.

**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) or if a client, within the meaning of Part XVIII.1 is convicted under section 132 of contravening section 74.12, the court shall, in addition to any fine or term of imprisonment that is imposed, order that the employer or client, as the case may be, take specific action or refrain from taking specific action to remedy the contravention. 2009, c. 9, s. 25.

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 25 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 26 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2009, c. 9, s. 27 - 6/11/2009

**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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (29) - 4/09/2001

**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)**

2004, c. 21, s. 9 - 1/03/2005

2006, c. 34, Sched. C, s. 23 - 1/04/2007

**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).

**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.
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 v 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 Requiring an employer to pay at least the amount prescribed where an employee who regularly works more than three hours a day is required to present himself or herself for work on a day on which he or she works fewer than three hours.
- 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 what information concerning the terms of an employment contract should be provided to an employee in writing.
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.
- 11.1 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.
17. Defining any word or expression used in this Act that is not defined in it.
18. Prescribing the manner in which the information required by subsection 58 (2) shall be given to the Director.
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.

#### **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 re certain leaves**

(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 section 49.3, 49.4 or 49.5. 2014, c. 6, s. 5.

#### **Conflict with transitional regulations**

(2.0.4) In the event of a conflict between section 49.3, 49.4 or 49.5 and a regulation made under subsection (2.0.3), the regulation prevails. 2014, c. 6, s. 5.

**Regulations re emergency leaves, declared emergencies**

- (2.1) If a regulation is made prescribing a reason for the purposes of clause 50.1 (1) (d), the regulation 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 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; and
  - (c) provide that clause 74 (1) (a) applies, with necessary modifications, in relation to the deemed leave described in clause (b). 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (4).

**Retroactive regulation**

(2.2) A date specified in a regulation made under subsection (2.1) may be a date that is earlier than the day on which the regulation is made. 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (4).

**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 section 50.1 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 emergency and because of a reason referred to in clause 50.1 (1) (a), (b), (c) or (d). 2006, c. 13, s. 3 (4).

**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 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 prescribing penalties for contraventions for the purposes of subsection 113 (1) may,
- (a) provide for greater penalties for the second contravention and for the third or subsequent contravention of a provision of this Act in a three-year period or in such other period as may be prescribed;
  - (b) provide that the penalty for a contravention is the prescribed amount multiplied by the number of employees affected by the contravention. 2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (31).

**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).

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

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (30, 31) - 4/09/2001

2002, c. 18, Sched. J, s. 3 (30) - 26/11/2002

2004, c. 15, s. 5 - 13/06/2005; 2004, c. 21, s. 10 (1-6) - 1/03/2005

2006, c. 13, s. 3 (4) - 30/06/2006

2007, c. 16, Sched. A, s. 6 (1, 2) - 3/12/2007

2009, c. 16, s. 3 - 26/06/2009

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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)**

2001, c. 9, Sched. I, s. 1 (32) - 4/09/2001

2009, c. 9, s. 29 - 6/11/2009

143., **144.** OMITTED (AMENDS OR REPEALS OTHER ACTS). 2000, c. 41, ss. 143, 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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