

## SCHEDULE II

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ESSENTIALS IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER

#### CHAPTER I PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

1. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to individuals who have incurred or must incur excess shelter, food or clothing expenses in the event of a disaster or an imminent disaster or another event that compromises human safety.

Financial assistance is payable to individuals who had to evacuate their principal residence following the decision of a civil protection authority when this residence is located in a municipality whose territory was affected by the event that led to the implementation of this program by the Minister of Public Security and designated by the Minister.

Also eligible are individuals who cannot reach their principal residence because of the event that led to the implementation of this program.

Principal residence means the place where an individual carries on all of his everyday activities all year round, such as a dwelling, a single-family home, a duplex, a row house or a condominium.

This financial assistance program is administered by the Minister of Public Security.

2. To benefit from the program, the claimant, representing the members of his family eligible for financial assistance, must complete and sign the form prescribed for this purpose.

#### CHAPTER II WAITING PERIOD AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

3. No financial assistance is granted to the claimant for the first three (3) days of evacuation from his principal residence.
4. The amount of financial assistance is equal to \$20/day for the first person evacuated and \$10/day per additional family member, from the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day to the end of the emergency evacuation period established by the Minister.

Additional financial assistance of \$50/person may be allocated when the evacuation occurs under circumstances where the claimant could not take away clothing. This assistance can amount to a maximum of \$150/person for the purchase of winter clothing.

The aforementioned amounts are increased by thirty percent (30%) for the territory located between the 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> parallels, except in the case of the city of Baie-Comeau and all the municipalities of the Gaspé Peninsula, and by fifty percent (50%) for the territory located north of the 50<sup>th</sup> parallel, excluding the cities of Port-Cartier and Sept-Îles.

5. The financial assistance to which the claimant is entitled may be granted in one or more disbursements, depending on the nature of the event and the duration of the evacuation.

#### CHAPTER III GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### RIGHT TO REVIEW

6. As provided in section 121 of the Civil Protection Act (R.S.Q., c. S-2.3), any claimant directly concerned by a decision regarding eligibility or the amount of assistance granted or a claim for overpayment may, within two (2) months of the date on which this person is notified of the decision, apply in writing for a review. This time limit may only be extended if the claimant proves that it was impossible to comply with it.

In the event that financial assistance is granted to a claimant in several disbursements, the date when he was notified is considered to be the date of the decision rendered regarding the last claim.

#### INFORMATION

7. As provided in section 110 of the Civil Protection Act, the claimant must supply the Minister with all documents, all copies of documents and all information required by the Minister for the administration of this program. He must also inform the Minister of any change in his situation that may affect his eligibility or the amount of the assistance granted.

#### PERSONAL RIGHT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

8. As provided in section 115 of the Civil Protection Act, entitlement to financial assistance under this program is a personal right.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED OR SEIZED

9. As provided in sections 116 and 117 of the Civil Protection Act, entitlement to financial assistance under this program may not be assigned and the financial assistance granted may not be seized.

#### USE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

10. As provided in section 114 of the Civil Protection Act, the claimant must make a formal commitment to use the financial assistance received exclusively for the purposes for which it is granted.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED WITHOUT DUE CAUSE

11. As provided in section 119 of the Civil Protection Act, the claimant must repay to the Minister any amount received without due cause, unless it was paid as a result of an administrative error which the recipient could not reasonably have discovered.

These amounts may be recovered within three (3) years of the disbursement or, in case of bad faith, within three (3) years of the discovery of that fact, but in no case more than fifteen (15) years after the disbursement.