



SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CHANGES TO THE COMMON GENERAL RULES

The following changes were made during the latest update of the Common General Rules (CGR) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ).

- **Terminology:** harmonization of vocabulary with the French version of the Common General Rules and the English terminology used by the FRQ.
- **Definitions:**
 - Clarification of the definition of “Managing institution”.
 - Addition of the definition of “Québec organization”, which applies to statuses 4) b, c, d and e.
- **Research status:**
 - **Clinical university researcher:** at point c, addition of “or equivalent”.
 - **Other research statuses - Practitioner:** replacement of “Québec establishment” by “Québec organization”.
- **Article 2.1 – citizenship and domicile:**
 - Clarification of eligibility requirements for **master’s or doctoral training awards:** the semester of the competition is not included in determining full-time enrolment in 2 of the 3 semesters prior to the competition deadline.
 - Clarification of eligibility requirements for **master’s, doctoral or postdoctoral training awards:** the Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) card must be valid at the competition deadline. Proof of eligibility for RAMQ must also cover the competition deadline.
- **Article 2.3 – other eligibility conditions:** deletion of the first paragraph and creation of new Article 5.2.
- **New Article 5.2 – funding conditions:** the first paragraph of Article 2.3 was moved to this new article. It stipulates that applicants must have an account in good standing to receive funding.
- **Article 5.5 – research ethics and conformity:** clarification of the nature of the negative environmental impacts for which funding holders must provide mitigation measures.
- **Article 6.5 – changes during funding period:** addition of significant changes to expenses by category in the list of examples of situations that must be reported in the FRQnet electronic portfolio and then justified.

- **Article 6.10 – residual balance:** clarification of the conditions for carrying over the balance remaining at the end of the funding period.
- **Article 6.14 – leaves of absence:** clarification of the conditions for instalment deferral and funding period extension in the event of suspension or interruption of studies for sick leave or other types of leave stipulated in the *Act respecting labour standards*.
- **Article 6.15 – leave without pay:** authorization of expenses to “safeguard” the conduct of the research activities in the event of leave without pay.
- **Article 8.4 – compensation, training and professional fees:**
 - Addition of the clarification that awards, award supplements, and salaries paid to college students are eligible expenses.
 - Clarification of the rule specifying that consulting fees paid between colleagues are not eligible expenses. This rule applies to postsecondary institutions and health network institutions.