

Extension of the reduction in the minimum cost of work to be carried out on a claim – Notice

On 31 December 2015, section 138.2 of the *Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine* introduced a temporary measure, reducing by 35% the minimum cost of work that the holder of a claim must carry out for a two-year period from 31 December 2015 to 30 December 2017.

This temporary measure was extended for the year 2018 by the *Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine*, attached to Order in Council 80-2018 and published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on 21 February 2018. The measure was extended by one year to maintain the 35% reduction in the minimum cost of work to be carried out on a claim until 30 December 2018.

The period targeted by this transitional measure is not based on the term of a claim, but on the calendar year.

The 35% reduction applies only the minimum cost of the work required during the one-year period. The reduction will be taken into account for the application of the provisions of the Mining Act with respect to the renewal of a claim, and in particular sections 72 to 80, when an application for renewal is filed during that period. **Applications for the renewal of a claim filed after 30 December 2018 will not benefit from the reduction.**

Please note that the 35% reduction is already included in the tables showing the minimum cost of work in section 15 of the *Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine*. Section 15 is to be read as follows during the one-year period:

15. The minimum cost of work that the holder of a claim must carry out on the land that is subject thereto, pursuant to section 72 of the Act, shall be determined in the following tables and varies according to the area of land that is subject thereto, according to the number of terms of the claim and depending on whether the land is located in one of the following areas:

(1) north of the 52nd degree of latitude:

Number of terms of the claim	Area of land subject to the claim		
	Less than 25 ha	25 to 45 ha	More than 45 ha
1	\$48	\$120	\$135
2	\$160	\$400	\$450
3	\$320	\$800	\$900
4	\$480	\$1,200	\$1,350
5	\$640	\$1,600	\$1,800
6	\$750	\$1,800	\$1,800
7 and more	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500

(2) south of the 52nd degree of latitude:

Number of terms of the claim	Area of land subject to the claim		
	Less than 25 ha	25 to 45 ha	More than 45 ha
1	\$500	\$1,200	\$1,800
2	\$500	\$1,200	\$1,800
3	\$500	\$1,200	\$1,800
4	\$750	\$1,800	\$2,700
5	\$750	\$1,800	\$2,700
6	\$750	\$1,800	\$2,700
7 and more	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$3,600