

Information Note
For school service centres and school boards

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Terms of payment for the compensation related to the participation of teachers in the Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (QSCDK) 2027

It is up to schools to determine the most appropriate time for teachers to complete the questionnaires. If release time is granted, it may extend to the end of the school year, regardless of when the teachers choose to complete the questionnaires during the data collection period (February to April 2027). Teacher collective agreement provisions continue to apply.

If releasing teachers is not possible, another form of financial compensation may be agreed upon, based on the rates set out for other professional duties in the teacher collective agreements.

How is compensation calculated?

Regardless of the form of compensation chosen, the sums will be paid to the employer by the Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) according to the following terms:

- Payments are based on the number of questionnaires completed per class.
- The rate used to calculate payments is based on the hourly rate of pay for a legally qualified casual supply teacher as set out in the teacher collective agreements, including vacation and the employer's contribution.
- Teachers are allotted 1 hour to prepare and read the documents and 30 minutes to familiarize themselves with the questionnaire.
- The average time needed to complete a questionnaire is 15 minutes (one questionnaire per student).

For example, in a class where 19 questionnaires have been completed, the amount to be paid is calculated by adding up the time required to answer the questionnaires (19×15 minutes = 4.75 hours), preparation time (1 hour) and familiarization time (30 minutes), for a total of 6.25 hours, which is then multiplied by the applicable hourly rate.

How are the amounts paid out?

Supply teacher costs due to teachers being released for the survey, or their equivalent, will be reimbursed to school service centres and school boards by the ISQ.

A report on the days to be compensated will be produced by the ISQ. Payments will be made once the school service centre or school board has confirmed the information, meaning after the required documents have been signed and returned.

Questions?

If you have any questions related to the release or compensation of teachers, please contact the Direction des relations du travail du personnel enseignant of the Ministère de l'Éducation at rlt@education.gouv.qc.ca.