

New rates for certain registration and reregistration services

Since January 1st, 2008, Revenu Québec charges a fee for the priority processing of registration and reregistration applications received by mail and for the priority processing of reregistration applications filed with Service Québec from individuals, partnerships, associations or other groups (in French only):

<<[http://www.registreentreprises.gouv.qc.ca/documents/tarifs/le-50.00.00.0p\(2008-01\).pdf](http://www.registreentreprises.gouv.qc.ca/documents/tarifs/le-50.00.00.0p(2008-01).pdf)>>

However, this new rate does not apply to registration applications submitted in person at Services Québec and Revenu Québec offices as well as at the offices of Superior Court clerks offering this service.

If you want your application to be processed in priority, unless otherwise instructed by you, standard operating procedure at CRAC is to transmit your applications by courier. The new government fees are then added to your invoice. However, if you ask us to submit your application in person, please note that travel costs will be added to your invoice.



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Consultation process to amend the *Companies Act*

On December 19, 2007, the government of Quebec announced in a press release a consultation to reform the portion of the *Companies Act* applicable to for-profit companies. The schedule presented provides for a bill to be tabled in 2008.

The public and experts are invited to submit their ideas and opinions by March 14, 2008. A consultation document is available at: www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/ (the English version should be available in a near future).

For example, the aims of the reform include, among other things, increasing protection for minority shareholders, improving governance rules, and adapting the legislation to new information technologies.

Lastly, in this same press release, the government also announced its intention to conduct a consultation in 2008 regarding the association law applicable to non-profit associations set out in Part

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New price list

A number of things are required to ring in the new year, and some seem to have become permanent fixtures: resolutions (whether you decide to take some or not!), wishes for a happy new year (peace, health and prosperity), and let's not forget our new price list, effective January 1st, 2008.

[Consult our price list.](#)

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The plunitif goes green

For several weeks now, new terminals have been installed at the Montreal Courthouse, from which one can conduct investigative searches and transmit the results via e-mail, all without producing a single hardcopy.

This is good news for trees and bodes well for the speed and clarity of the results. Since CRAC normally receives the results by fax, not only are we eliminating two printouts (one at the Courthouse and one from the fax), but texts are more legible—we all know that texts transmitted by fax are not always as clear as can be.

Hopefully this policy in favour of e-documents will win over other courthouses across the province.



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Portrait of a CRAC employee

Let's be frank. There are days when we would much rather play hooky than go to work, especially after a nice weekend. But knowing you will be spending a good part of your time at work with a cheerful person is a definite plus.

And there are many people like that at CRAC, including Caroline Guy, Trade-mark Agent in the department of the same name.



With her Bachelor's degree, she joined CRAC in February 2000—a job that she thought at the time would be temporary—where she was quickly given duties as an assistant within the Trade-marks Department. In 2005, she was given the title of trade-mark agent after completing the Canadian Intellectual Property Office qualifying examination, which is extremely difficult to pass. Caroline has also been authorized by American authorities to work with the United States Patents and Trademarks Office. She continues to expand her legal knowledge through law courses.

Don't even try to make her lose patience—even her children can't, most of the time. Her soothing voice has given clients the same information for seven years as she explains the trade-mark registration process and the importance of conducting trade-mark availability searches. Although much of the information basically remains the same, each trade-mark file needs to be handled in its own way and requires both an attention to detail and a sharp mind to gain a proper understanding of the nature of the wares and services, both to conduct a relevant trade-mark availability search

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and describe them in a registration application. These are qualities that Caroline clearly possesses and which make her a trade-mark professional that you can count on for all of your trade-mark files.



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