

Extra-Provincial Registration in Quebec 2026: REQ Guide

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Executive Summary

Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship formed outside Quebec that begins doing business in the province must

Registration produces a ten-digit **Québec enterprise number (NEQ)** (<https://2727coworking.com/articles/inscription-clics>)

A 2024 Quebec Court of Appeal decision, *Promark Electronics Inc. v. Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.*, clarified an

Introduction and Background

Quebec is Canada's largest province by area and its second-most populous, and it is also the country's only civil-law jur

This distinction matters because it shapes what a business actually has to do. Registering does not create a new Quebec c

``(Source: [osler.com])([https://www.osler.com/en/insights/reports/guide-to-doing-business-in-quebec/#:~:text=more%20than%](https://www.osler.com/en/insights/reports/guide-to-doing-business-in-quebec/#:~:text=more%20than%20))

Interest in this process spans several distinct audiences: Canadian federal or other-province corporations opening a Mont

Legal Triggers: What Counts as Carrying On Business in Quebec

Quebec law does not require a specific volume of sales or a minimum number of employees before extra-provincial registrat

The categories of business form subject to this obligation are broad. Quebec's registration rules apply to **general** and

One narrow but commercially significant exemption exists for Ontario-based corporations: legal persons domiciled in Ontar

The REQ Registration Process for Extra-Provincial Enterprises

Establishing a Quebec Address or a Fondé de Pouvoir

The REQ's registration rules impose a foundational address requirement before any declaration can be filed. Quebec's own

Filing the Déclaration d'Immatriculation

Once an address or mandatary is secured, the filer submits a "déclaration d'immatriculation" through the REQ's online por

Timing is strict and statutory. Article 32 of the LPA states that "la déclaration d'immatriculation doit être produite au

Why Federal and Other-Province Corporations Still Need This Step

A federal corporation, or one incorporated in Ontario, British Columbia, or elsewhere, does not become a Quebec entity by

Quebec's own corporate statute, the *Business Corporations Act* (QBCA), which took effect in 2011, makes Quebec incorpora

French-Language and Corporate Transparency Obligations

Registration is not purely a numbers-and-address exercise; Quebec layers two additional compliance regimes onto any extra

Signage rules also apply once a business has any Quebec-visible presence. Since a regulation that entered into force on J

The second added layer is corporate-transparency reporting. Since Quebec's *Act* mainly to improve the transparency of ent

Quebec Tax Registration and the Federal Business Number

Extra-provincial registration with the REQ and Quebec's tax obligations are legally distinct, and an out-of-province busi

Registration can be completed through Revenu Québec's own online channel: businesses can use the "Register a New Business

Businesses that hope to sell to Quebec's public sector face a further authorization layer on top of ordinary registration

Choosing a Quebec Address: Registered Agents, Virtual Offices, and Coworking Options

Because so many extra-provincial filers have no existing Quebec footprint, the address requirement described above is oft

Marketplace virtual-office brokers list a wider spread of Montreal addresses at varying price points. Instant Offices, fo

For businesses that want an actual desk in addition to a compliant registered address, Montreal's coworking sector is the

Table 1 below summarizes representative Montreal address options for an out-of-province filer that needs to satisfy the

Provider / Service	Type	Indicative Monthly Cost	What Is Actually Included
Chalati Lawyer	Quebec Business Agent	(Source: [chalatilegal.ca](https://chalatilegal.ca/en/quebec-business-agent/#:~:text=%24300%2F%20Pe	
Instant Offices	marketplace listings, Montreal	(Source: [instantoffices.com](https://www.instantoffices.com/en-us/c	
Spaces (IWG)	Montreal	(Source: [spacesworks.com](https://www.spacesworks.com/en/ca/quebec/montreal/virtual-offices	
2727 Coworking	Griffintown, Montreal	(Source: [2727coworking.com](https://2727coworking.com#:~:text=%24300%2F%20Pe	
REQ declaration of registration, foreign corporation		(Source: [quebec.ca](https://www.quebec.ca/entreprises-et-travaill	

As the table illustrates, the cheapest options are pure mail-forwarding services built specifically to satisfy the LPA's

Data Analysis and Evidence

Quebec's registration fee schedule, last updated January 1, 2026, shows a deliberate scaling by legal form and by whether

! [Illustration: Data Analysis and Evidence](

Table 2 below consolidates the statutory penalty structure that applies once a business is registered, or should be, di

Violation	Governing Law	Fine Range (First Offence)	Escalation
Failing to file a required declaration on time	LPA, art. 152	(Source: [legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca](https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/)	
Being entirely unregistered when required ("en défaut d'être immatriculé")	LPA, art. 155	(Source: [legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/]	
Filing a false or misleading declaration	LPA, art. 154	\\$500 to \\$5,000 (individual) / \\$1,000 to \\$10,000 (corpora	
Charter of the French Language violation (corporation)	Bill 96 / Law 14	(Source: [cfib-fcei.ca](https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/)	
Corporate transparency (ultimate beneficiary) non-disclosure	Québec Transparency Act, via LPA	(Source: [osler.com](https://www.osler.com/)	

The most important pattern in this table is the gap between the LPA's registration-specific fines, which are one-time, pe

Case Studies and Real-World Examples

Promark Electronics Inc. v. Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (2024 QCCA 906)

This Quebec Court of Appeal decision, rendered July 11, 2024, is the clearest illustration of what a Quebec-elected regis

Quebec's Transparency Act Rollout (Bill 78, in force March 31, 2023)

When the *Act mainly to improve the transparency of enterprises* took effect, every registrant in Quebec, domestic or ext

Bill 96's Phased French-Language Rollout (2022 to 2025)

Bill 96 did not take effect all at once; the Canadian Federation of Independent Business's compliance timeline shows obli

The Ontario-Quebec Reciprocal Registration Arrangement

Quebec's registration regime includes one long-standing carve-out that functions as a real-world case study in inter-prov

Implications and Future Directions

The trend lines in Quebec's registration framework point toward more disclosure, not less. The 2023 transparency reform a

The address side of the market is also maturing. As Montreal's coworking and virtual-office sector has grown, out-of-prov

Finally, the *Promark* decision is likely to be cited for years as the definitive answer to a question that previously pr

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

****How do I register a business in Quebec as an out-of-province company?**** File a "déclaration d'immatriculation" with the

****What are the REQ registration requirements for extra-provincial corporations?**** A foreign or other-province corporation

****What is the Quebec Enterprise Registrar (REQ) registration process, step by step?**** Confirm you are "carrying on busine

****Can a Montreal virtual business address be used for REQ registration?**** Yes, so long as the address genuinely functions

****Do I need an NEQ if my company is registered outside Quebec?**** Yes. Registration assigns every enterprise, foreign or d

****What changed for extra-provincial registration in Quebec in 2026?**** The REQ's fee schedule was refreshed effective Janu

****What are Quebec's registered office address requirements?**** The LPA requires a genuine domicile, business address, or e

****How can I get a Montreal business address without renting a full office?**** Options range from a pure registered-agent m

****What does it mean to do business in Quebec as a foreign or out-of-province company?**** It means meeting any one of the L

Conclusion

Extra-provincial registration in Quebec is a well-defined but multi-layered obligation rather than a single form. Any bus

None of these obligations are especially onerous individually, and Quebec's own online portals, partnership arrangements

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