

AUTORITÉ DES marchés financiers

AN INFORMATION CENTRE at your service!

YOUR DEPOSITS ARE PROTECTED. That's a guarantee!

BASIC GUARANTEE for your deposits

The AMF is the regulatory and oversight body for Québec's financial sector. Its mission includes providing assistance to consumers of financial products and services and ensuring the implementation of programs to protect and compensate consumers.

The AMF is also responsible for administering the *Deposit Insurance Act* and all legislation governing financial sector regulation, including with respect to insurance, securities, deposit institutions (excluding banks) and the distribution of financial products and services.

Contact the Information Centre for additional information about deposit insurance or to make sure that your financial institution is registered under the *Deposit Insurance Act*.

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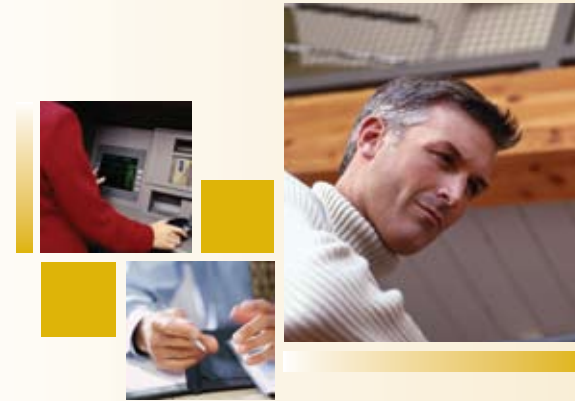
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To be able to guarantee your deposits, the AMF administers a deposit insurance fund financed through the premiums paid by registered institutions.

By guaranteeing your deposits in this manner, the AMF helps to maintain confidence in your financial institution and fosters the stability of Québec's financial markets.

WHAT DEPOSITS are guaranteed by deposit insurance?

The AMF reimburses guaranteed deposits as provided for under the *Deposit Insurance Act*, up to \$100,000 (principal and accrued interest), per person, per institution.

GUARANTEED DEPOSITS

The most common guaranteed deposits are:

- deposits held in chequing accounts and savings accounts;
- term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates (GICs);
- drafts, certified cheques and travellers' cheques.

Important! The deposits must:

- be made and be payable in Québec;
- be made and payable in Canadian dollars;
- have a term to maturity of five years or less or be repayable, at any time, at the depositor's request after five years from the date of the deposit.

DEPOSITS NOT GUARANTEED BY DEPOSIT INSURANCE

Certain products, regardless of whether or not they are held in a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) or a registered retirement income fund (RRIF), are excluded from the deposit insurance program.

For example:

- securities* (such as shares and mortgage-backed securities);
- Treasury bills;
- bonds and debentures;
- shares or equity interests;
- mutual funds;
- life insurance policies and segregated funds.*

* Certain products may be eligible for other protection programs. Visit www.financeprotection.ca for more information.

Separate guarantees

Certain other deposits are protected by separate guarantees, up to \$100,000, regardless of the basic guarantee.

THE FOLLOWING DEPOSITS ARE COVERED BY A SEPARATE GUARANTEE:

- the combined total deposits in one or more Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) held in the name of the same person;
- the combined total deposits in one or more Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) held in the name of the same person;
- the combined total deposits in one or more Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) held in the name of the same person;
- the combined total deposits held jointly by the same persons (joint deposits);
- each deposit made by a trustee or mandatary if the trust or mandate has been entered in the institution's records; the beneficiary's share is also insured, provided it is clearly identified in the institution's records;
- property taxes (including school and municipal taxes) on mortgages held by a financial institution.

EXAMPLE OF GUARANTEES PROVIDED BY AMF

DEPOSITOR	SUMMARY OF DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS	VALUE (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST)	GUARANTEED AMOUNTS
Mary	Chequing account	\$10,000	\$10,000
	3-year guaranteed investment certificate (GIC)	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Bonds	\$8,000	\$0
	Mutual funds	\$24,000	\$0
	RRSP – equities	\$60,000	\$0
	Total	\$132,000	Total \$40,000
Mary, trustee* for Luke	Trust account – 2-year guaranteed investment certificate (GIC)	\$15,000	\$15,000
John	Savings account	\$12,000	\$12,000
	US\$ savings account	\$5,000	\$0
	RRIF – savings account	\$135,000	\$100,000
	Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA)	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Total	\$162,000	Total \$122,000
Mary and John	Joint savings account	\$15,000	\$15,000

* A trustee is a person who holds and administers, on behalf of another person, deposits and investments transferred into a trust established by a contract, a will, an operation of law or sometimes a judgment.

YOUR INSTITUTION IS amalgamating with another institution?

In the case of an amalgamation by registered institutions, the AMF will separately guarantee eligible deposits made with each of the institutions before the amalgamation, until their withdrawal or maturity.

In the case of deposits made after the amalgamation, coverage remains limited to \$100,000 per institution. Deposits made with an amalgamated financial institution will be guaranteed only insofar as the deposits made prior to or following the amalgamation do not exceed \$100,000.

For example, you hold an \$80,000 deposit in institution A and a \$40,000 deposit in institution B. Both institutions amalgamate. The amount guaranteed by deposit insurance will therefore be \$120,000 since coverage is applied separately until these deposits are withdrawn or reach maturity. Important: Additional deposits with this same institution may not be insured. Contact your financial institution or the AMF for details.

IS YOUR institution registered?

In Québec, an institution must be registered with the AMF under the *Deposit Insurance Act* in order to solicit or receive deposits. It must also display the opposite official logo in a conspicuous place.



The following statement must appear on the document evidencing the deposit: This is a deposit within the meaning of the *Deposit Insurance Act*.

Nearly 450 financial institutions are registered with the AMF:

- Financial services cooperatives (the Desjardins caisses, the *Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec*, the *Caisse centrale Desjardins* and the *Caisse des Mutuellistes Épargne et Crédit*);
- Trust companies;
- Savings companies;
- Insurers.

To determine whether your financial institution is registered, visit the AMF website.

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Note: The Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) protects bank deposits.

