

## The Practical Guide to Choosing Your Matrimonial Regime in Quebec

Different matrimonial regimes establish specific norms regarding each spouse's rights and responsibilities with respect to their respective assets. This includes aspects such as the management of household and family property, the terms of use of these assets, and the handling of debts incurred during the marriage.

The matrimonial regime plays a crucial role in determining each spouse's rights over common property. For example, it determines whether one spouse can dispose of an asset by selling, renting, mortgaging, or giving it away without the consent of the other spouse.

**The three main regimes that exist in Quebec are:**

- » Partnership of Acquests
- » Separation of Property
- » Community of property

The notary will explain these different regimes to you in detail during the first meeting.

**You can also find explanations about these regimes in the following articles:**

- » [Partnership of acquests | Éducaloi \(educaloi.qc.ca\)](#)
- » [Separation of property | Éducaloi \(educaloi.qc.ca\)](#)
- » [Community of property | Éducaloi \(educaloi.qc.ca\)](#)

To help us advise you on choosing your matrimonial regime, you can complete this guide which covers various aspects of your family and patrimonial life.

### Your Family Life

First & Last Name | Partner 1:

First & Last Name | Partner 2:

#### Do you have children?

Do you have children together?		
Do you have children together? If yes, names and ages:	Yes	No
Child 1:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 2:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 3:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 4:	First & Last Name:	Age:

Avez-vous des enfants ?		
<b>Partner 1:</b>		
<b>Do you have children from a previous relationship?</b>	Oui	Non
If yes, names and ages:		
Enfant 1:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Enfant 2:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Enfant 3:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Enfant 4:	First & Last Name:	Age:
<b>Partner 2:</b>		
<b>Avez-vous des enfants d'une union précédente ?</b>	Yes	No
Si oui, nom et âge:		
Child 1:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 2:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 3:	First & Last Name:	Age:
Child 4:	First & Last Name:	Age:
<b>What are your incomes?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	<b>Partner 2:</b>
Your gross annual salary:	\$	\$
Number of hours worked per week:	\$	\$
Other annual income:	\$	\$
<b>What is the division of tasks between you?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	<b>Partner 2:</b>
Respond by indicating the %		
Childcare:	%	%
Child transportation:	%	%
Taking leave when children are sick:	%	%
Meal preparation:	%	%
House cleaning/laundry:	%	%
Home maintenance:	%	%

<b>What is the division of expenses between you currently?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	<b>Partner 2:</b>
Respond by indicating the %	%	%
<b>Do you opt for an equal 50-50 split? Or a proportional split based on each person's income?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>Are you frugal or spendthrift?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	<b>Partner 2:</b>
	Yes                  No	Yes                  No
<b>What are your wishes regarding the merging of your assets through marriage?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>Do you have a joint account? What types of expenses are paid from this account?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>Regarding debts, how would you like them to be shared during your life together?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>Regarding debts, how would you like them to be divided in the event of a separation?</b>	Client Response:	

## Your Assets

<b>Do you own real estate?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	<b>Partner 2:</b>
If yes;	Yes                  No	Yes                  No
<b>If yes, how are the expenses for this property shared?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>How was this property financed? Was the down payment made equally?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>In the case of repairs and renovations, how will the expenses be shared?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>How do you envision the division of the property in the event of a separation?</b>	Client Response:	
<b>Would you like to sell the property?</b>	Client Response:	

Or would one of you keep it?	Client Response:	
<b>In the event of a separation, how will the following be shared:</b>		
Your furniture?	Client Response:	
Your investments?	Client Response:	
Your pension funds/ RRSP/ QPP?	Client Response:	
<b>Do you own a business?</b>	<b>Partner 1:</b>	
	<b>Partner 2:</b>	
	Yes                  No	Yes                  No
How do you envision the division of your business in the event of a separation?	Client Response:	