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How to renew (ou not renew) your authorization to contract

Companion guide

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Important information

► The authorization to contract is valid for five years. You must file your renewal application at least 90 days before the expiry date of the current authorization.

- If this deadline is met

The authorization will be valid until we have processed your application. In the interim, your enterprise will be allowed to continue fulfilling its current contracts and to sign new ones. (You will then be asked to include the confirmation of your renewal application with your letter of authorization, as described on page 25 of this guide.)

- If your application is not filed on time

Your enterprise will be removed from the *Register of firms authorized to practise* (REA). Once its authorization expires, your enterprise will no longer be able to enter into new public contracts involving an expenditure exceeding the applicable government tresholds. However, you must continue with any existing contracts and submit a list of such contracts to us.

- Reminder

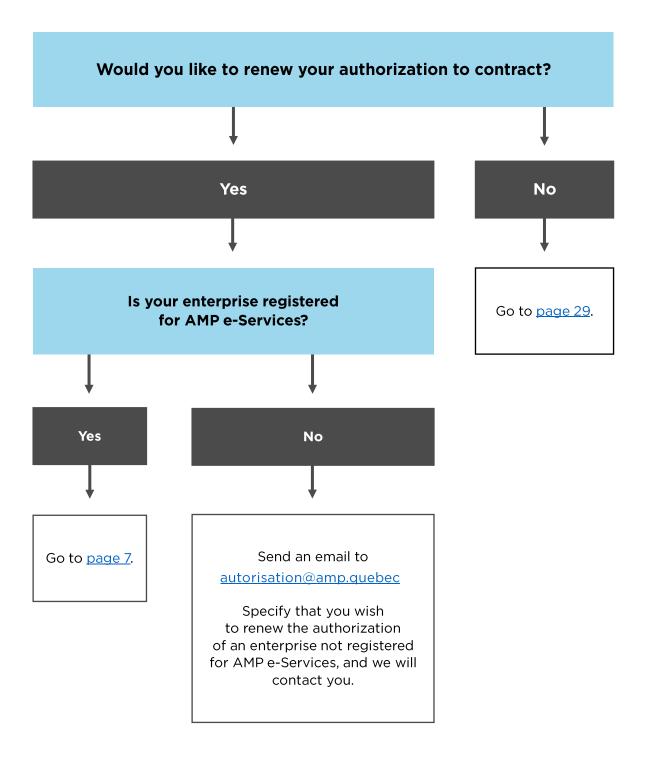
It is compulsory to have a valid authorization to contract for the duration of the contract. If you let your authorization expire while the contract is in force, you may be subject to Monetary administrative penalties (\$1,000 for sole proprietorships and \$2,500 in all other cases).

- ➤ You must provide the **audited financial statements** for the latest fiscal year of the enterprise or at least a **review engagement report** on the financial statements for the latest fiscal year. **Notices to reader and compilation engagements will not be accepted.**
- ► The renewal application must be completed and submitted by the enterprise's respondent.
- ▶ It's recommended to use a computer instead of a mobile device, and to use Chrome or Edge browsers.
- ▶ Do not activate the automatic translation (e.g. Google Translate), since the terminology used is likely to differ from the terms in this guide. Instead, you can change the language by clicking on *En* or *Fr* at the top of the website.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RENEW YOUR AUTHORIZATION

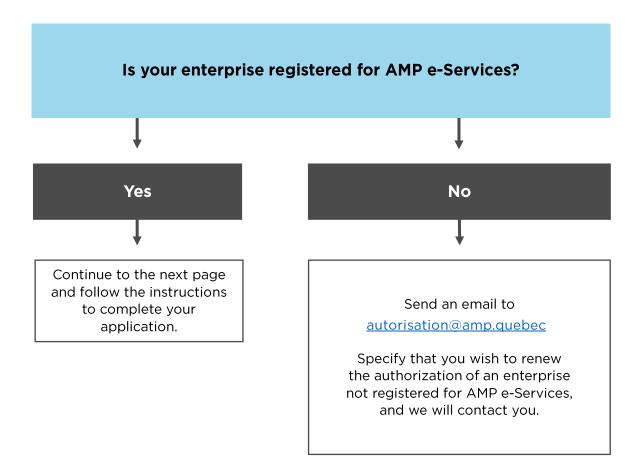
- ► You must apply for non-renewal (see page 29).
- ► Even if we receive your application in advance, your authorization to contract will be valid until its expiry date.

Where to start?



Renewing your authorization

Steps to follow to renew your authorization



Follow these steps to renew your authorization to contract

- 1. Make prior updates
- 2. Verify and update business relationships
- 3. Fill in the renewal application form
 - 3.1 Identification
 - 3.2 Intention of renewal
 - 3.3 Declaration
 - 3.4 Supporting documents
 - 3.5 Payment
 - 3.6 Transmission
 - 3.7 Confirmation
- 4. Follow up on your application

1. Make prior updates

Before you begin, check that your enterprise's file is up to date:

- ► At the <u>Registre des entreprises du Québec</u>¹.
- ► At Revenu Québec, by retrieving the enterprise's <u>Attestation de Revenu Québec</u>² which is required to renew your authorization to contract. The attestation must have been issued within the 30 days prior to filing your renewal application.
- ► At the <u>Régie du bâtiment du Québec</u>³ (if the enterprise has an RBQ license).
- ► On the enterprise's website, if it has one. Check that the information it contains is up to date, especially contact details and persons connected to the enterprise (board of directors, officers, shareholders, associates, etc.).

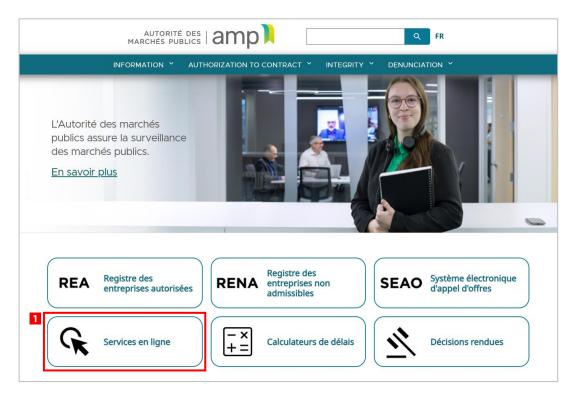
 $^{^{1}\}underline{www.quebec.ca/en/businesses-and-self-employed-workers/access-entreprises-files/my-office-registraire-entreprises/access}$

² https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/businesses/sector-specific-measures/attestation-de-revenu-quebec/

³ https://www.rbq.gouv.qc.ca/en/licence-6/

2. Verify and update business relationships

▶ Visit the <u>www.amp.quebec</u> website and click on *Services en ligne* (1).



► This page is in French only. Enter the clicSÉQUR business user code (2) and click on *Continuer* (3) to access AMP e-Services.

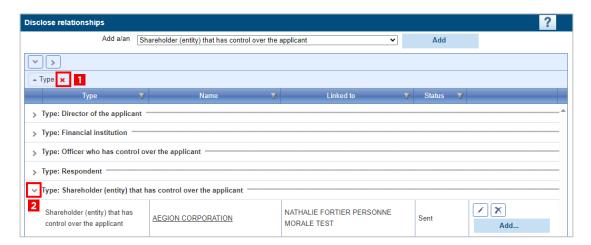


▶ Select *Client File*, then *Manage business relationships*.



The most recent business relationships are displayed on the screen. They vary according to the enterprise's legal form and may differ from the image below.

Click on the red \mathbf{x} (1), then on the arrow next to each link (2) to display the details.



- Verify each link:
 - Delete any links that are no longer valid.
 - Add any missing links and related documents.
 - Make any necessary modifications to links that have changed (e.g. addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.).
 - If you need to, consult the <u>Companion Guide Managing business relationships</u>⁴ or call us at 1 888 335-5550.

⁴ https://amp.quebec/sites/default/files/2024-09/companion-guide-managing-business-relationships-eservices-january2022.pdf

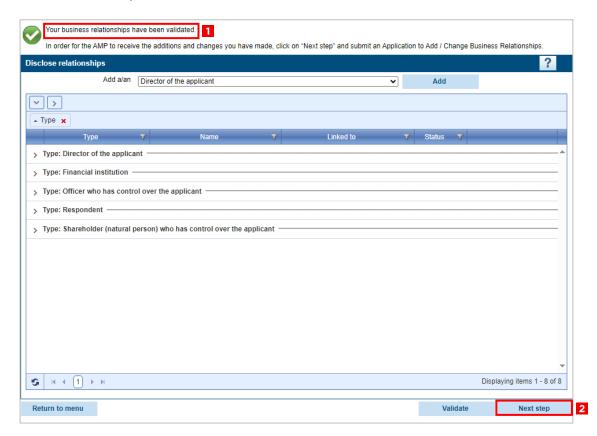
▶ When you are finished, click on *Validate* at the bottom right of the page.



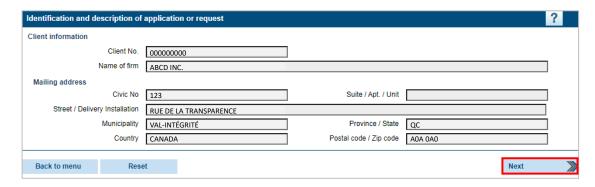
► If there are errors or missing information, they will appear in red at the top of the page.



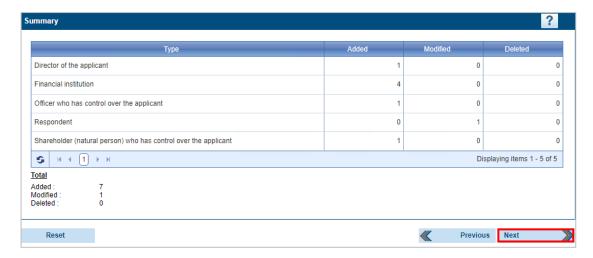
- Make any necessary corrections, then click again on Validate.
- ▶ When everything is correct, a confirmation message will appear on the screen (1). Click on *Next step* (2).



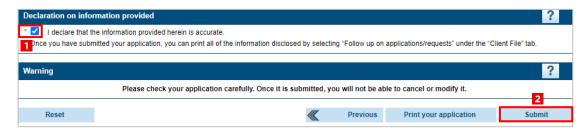
▶ Make sure the contact details displayed are correct, then click on *Next*.



Verify that the business relationships you are about to transmit are correct, then click on *Next*.



► Check the box "I declare that the information provided herein is accurate" (1), then click on *Submit* (2).



▶ A confirmation of delivery (1) will appear on the screen, along with your client and application numbers (2). Keep this information in case you need to contact AMP.

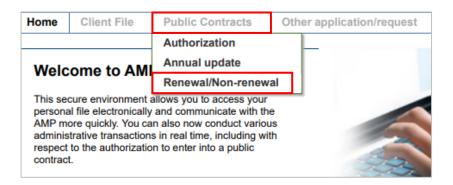


➤ You will also find a confirmation of delivery in the **Secure Message Inbox** in e-Services (return to home page for access).



3. Fill in the renewal application form

► From the AMP e-Services home page, select *Public Contracts*, then *Renewal/Non-renewal*.



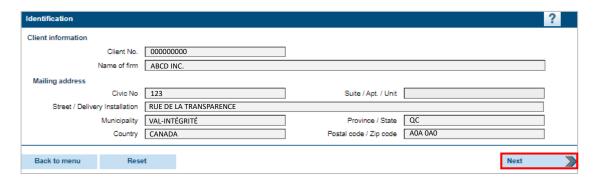
- ► The seven steps of the application form will appear in sequence on your screen:
 - 3.1 Identification
 - 3.2 Intention of renewal
 - 3.3 Declaration
 - 3.4 Supporting documents
 - 3.5 Payment
 - 3.6 Transmission
 - 3.7 Confirmation

3.1 Identification

Verify the information displayed on the screen.

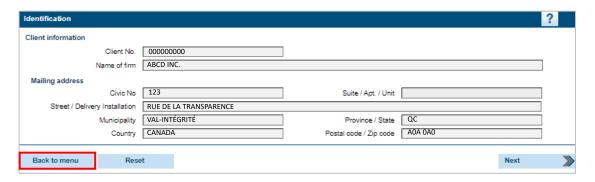
If everything is correct

► Click on *Next* and continue to step 3.2 (Intention of renewal).



If any information is incorrect

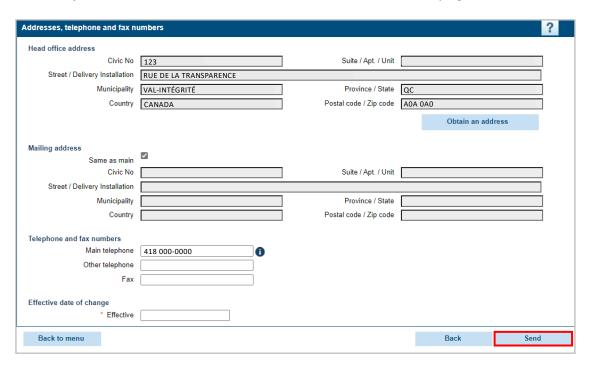
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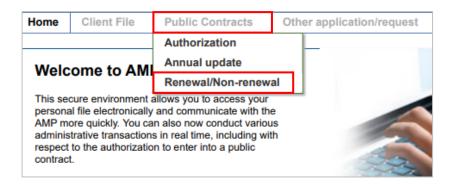
Select Client File, then Contact details and Consultation/Update.



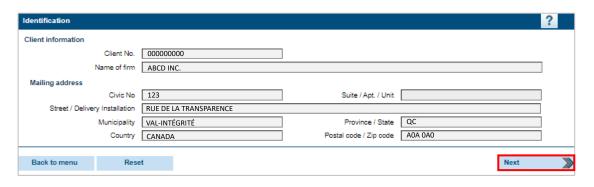
➤ Your enterprise's contact details will appear on the screen. Please make any necessary corrections, then click on *Send* to return to the home page.



▶ Select *Public Contracts*, then *Renewal/Non-renewal* to return to the form.

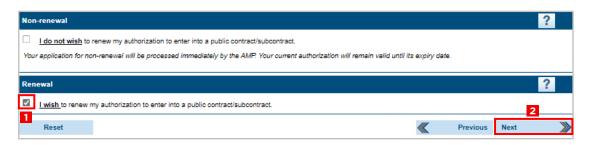


Make sure that all information is correct, then click on Next.



3.2 Intention of renewal

▶ Check the box *I wish to renew my authorization* (1), then click on *Next* (2).



3.3 Declaration

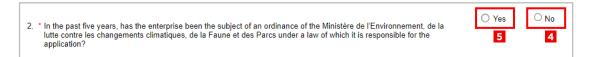
Question 1

- ▶ If there are no changes, check **No** (1).
- ▶ If you have made any changes to your enterprise's business links (see page 9), check **Yes** (2) and enter the date on which the changes were made (3).
- If any changes are needed, but you haven't yet made them, return to the e-Services home page, then follow instructions on page 9 of the present guide: Verify and update business relationships.



Question 2

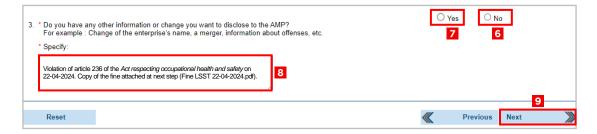
- ▶ If your enterprise <u>has not</u> received an ordinance from the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs in the past five years, check *No* (4).
- ▶ If it has been the subject of such an ordinance, check **Yes** (5) and, in the next step (step 4 : Supporting documents), attach a copy of the ordinance or any other relevant documents.



Question 3

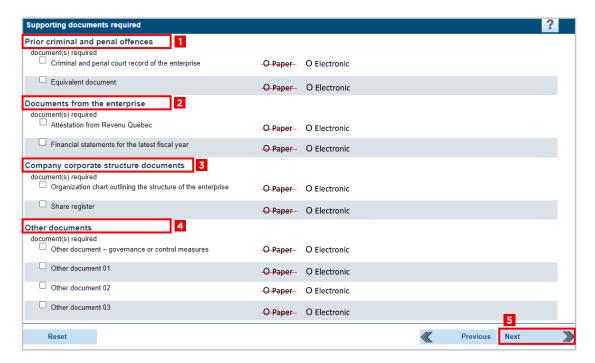
The information or changes discussed here concern your enterprise, as well as the individuals or enterprises linked to it. For example: change of the enterprise's name, merger, prosecution or condemnation (penal, criminal, civil, disciplinary), etc.

- ▶ If you have no further information or changes to report, check **No** (6).
- ▶ If you have any further information or changes to report, check **Yes** (7) and briefly describe them in the text box (8).
- ▶ If you want to attach a document, enter its name in the text box (8). You can add it in the next step, in the "Other documents" section.
- ▶ When you have finished, click on *Next* (9).



3.4 Supporting documents

► This page is used to send the documents required to process your renewal application. Supporting documents will vary according to the type of enterprise and may differ from the image below.



Prior criminal and penal offences (1)

- ▶ If your enterprise's address is in Québec, no documents are required in this case.
- ▶ Otherwise, you must provide a letter signed by the respondent or an officer of the enterprise stating that, over the past five years, the enterprise has not been:
 - Prosecuted for or convicted of an offence under or similar to those under Schedule 1 of the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies* (ACPB), in Canada or abroad.
 - Prosecuted for or convicted of any criminal or penal offence in the course of its business, in Canada or abroad.

Documents from the enterprise (2)

- ► You must provide the <u>Attestation de Revenu Québec</u>⁵ for your enterprise. The attestation must have been issued within the 30 days prior to filing your renewal application.
- You must also provide the audited financial statements for the last fiscal year. If you do not have any, the minimum required is a review engagement report on the last year's financial statements. Important: notices to the reader and compilation engagements will not be accepted.

Company corporate structure documents (3)

As the enterprise is considered a corporate entity (inc.), you must provide two portions of the enterprise's minute book: the *Share ledger* and the *Securities records*. Please combine them into a single file.

Other documents (4)

▶ If you have entered other files in the previous step (Step 3.3 : Déclaration, p. 18), attach them here by checking *Other document 01* (or 02, or 03). Please make sure that the name of each document matches the name you entered in step 3.3.

When you have finished

► Click on *Next* at the bottom of the page (5).

IMPORTANT

- ▶ The size of each file cannot exceed 35 MB.
- Accepted file formats are .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpeg and .jpg.
- ▶ Your file names must not contain any special characters.
- ▶ If you have any questions, call us at 1888 335-5550.

⁵ https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/businesses/sector-specific-measures/attestation-de-revenu-quebec/

3.5 Payment

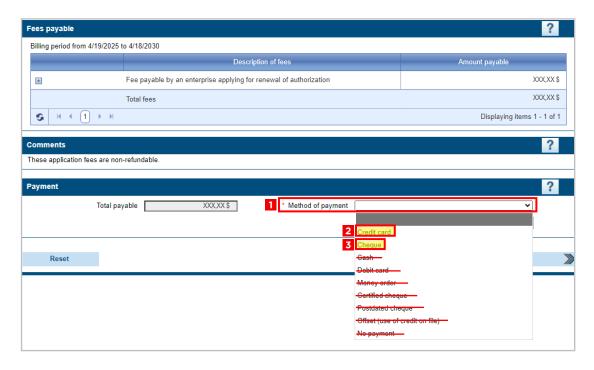
This page details the fees payable. They are indexed every year and available online in the <u>Fees payable by enterprises</u>⁶ section of our website. There are two methods of payment:

Credit card (recommended)

- ► In the *Method of payment* (1) drop-down menu, select *Credit card* (2), then click on *Pay*.
- Enter your credit card information.
- ▶ Click on *Process transaction* to make your secure online payment.
- ▶ You will find your receipt in the Secure message inbox.

Cheque

- ▶ In the *Method of payment* (1) drop-down menu, select *Cheque* (3).
- ► Make your cheque payable to Autorité des marchés publics and indicate on the back the name of the enterprise renewing its authorization and its AMP client number.
- Send your cheque to the following address:
 Autorité des marchés publics
 525, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 1st floor, Room 1.25, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S9



⁶ https://amp.quebec/en/droits-frais-et-tarifs-exigibles

When you have finished

▶ Click on *Next* at the bottom of the screen.

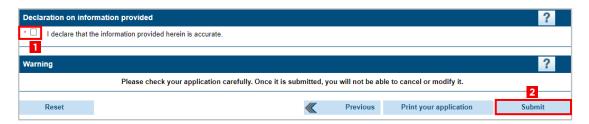


IMPORTANT

- ► Fees are non-refundable.
- ► To process your applications, your payment must have been received.
- ► There are two payment options: *Credit card* or *Cheque*. The other options in the drop-down menu are not available for your application and may delay processing.
- ▶ If you have any questions regarding payment, call us at 1888 335-5550.

3.6 Transmission

- ► Check the box *I declare that the information provided herein is accurate* (1).
- ▶ Then click on *Submit* (2) to send your request to AMP.



3.7 Confirmation

- ► This page will confirm that your renewal application was sent to AMP (1).
- ► This is where you will see your client number and your application number (2). Please keep this information. It will come in handy if you need to contact AMP.



▶ You will also find a delivery confirmation in the **Secure Message Inbox** in e-Services.



4. Following up on your application

Once you have submitted your renewal application, you can track its progress at any time.

To access your application

Log on to AMP e-Services, then select Client file and Follow up on applications/ requests.



To view the chart



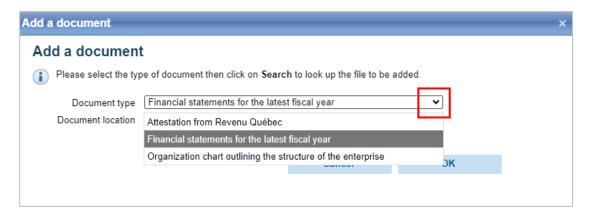
- ► The first three columns (1, 2, 3) indicate the date, number and type of each application submitted to AMP.
- ▶ The *Status* column (4) can show four different statuses:
 - Under review by AMP: the application has not yet been processed (the length
 of the review depends on the type of application and specific features of the file).
 - Waiting for client: the application cannot be processed because a piece of information, a document or a payment is missing. Check the Client File/Follow up on applications/requests (accessible from the e-Services home page) for details on the missing information.
 - **Verification :** AMP and its partners are still completing the required integrity checks.
 - **Request completed:** the application has been processed and AMP has issued its decision (you will find it in the *Follow up on applications/requests* section).
- The Satus update column (5) indicates how long the current status has been in effect.
- The Form submitted column (6) displays what you've already sent to the AMP.
- ► The last column (7) lets you add documents to an application already submitted (because you forgot to include them, or the AMP has requested additional documents, for example).

To add a document to a previously submitted application

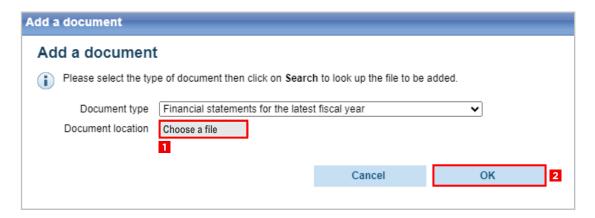
► Press + (last column).



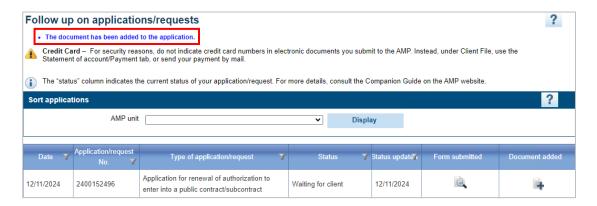
A new window will open on the screen. From the drop-down list, select the type of document to attach (options depend on the type of enterprise and request, and may differ from the image below).



Click on Choose a file (1), select the document to attach, then click on OK (2) to send it to AMP.



► At the top of the page, you'll see a confirmation that your document has been added.



IMPORTANT

- ▶ The size of each file cannot exceed 35 MB.
- ► Accepted file formats are .pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpeg and .jpg.
- ► Your file names must not contain any special characters.
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Not renewing your authorization

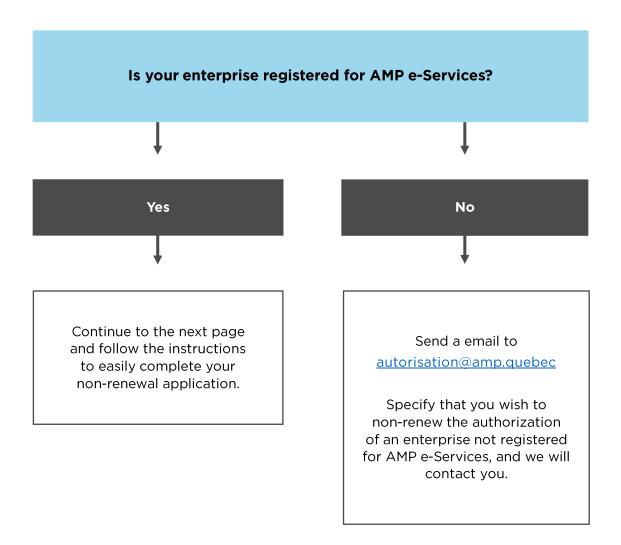
Important information

- ▶ If you do not intend to renew your authorization to contract, you must apply for non-renewal. It is not sufficient to let your authorization expire.
- ► It is compulsory to have a valid authorization during the entire performance of a contract. If you let your authorization expire while the contract is in force, you may be subject to Monetary administrative penalty⁷ (\$1,000 for sole proprietorships and \$2,500 in all other cases).
- ► Even if we receive your non-renewal request in advance, your authorization to contract will be valid until its expiry date.
- ▶ When your authorization expires, you will receive a message informing you that the enterprise has been removed from the *Register of firms authorized to practise* (REA) and may not enter into any new public contracts with a value exceeding the applicable government tresholds⁸.
- ► To obtain a new authorization, you will need to re-apply, with all the necessary information and documents.

⁷ https://amp.quebec/en/sanctions-administratives-pecuniaires

⁸ https://amp.quebec/en/seuils-et-categories-de-contrats-publics

Follow these steps to apply for <u>non-renewal</u> of your authorization



Steps to follow to non-renew your authorization

- 1. Make prior updates
- 2. Fill on the non-renewal application form
 - 2.1 Identification
 - 2.2 Intention of non-renewal
 - 2.3 Declaration
 - 2.4 Transmission
 - 2.5 Confirmation

1. Make prior updates

Before you begin, check that your enterprise's file is up to date:

- ► At the <u>Registre des entreprises du Québec</u>9.
- ► At <u>Revenu Québec</u>¹⁰.
- ► At the <u>Régie du bâtiment du Québec</u>¹¹ (if the enterprise has RBQ license).

 $^{{\}tt 9} \, \underline{\sf https://www.quebec.ca/en/businesses-and-self-employed-workers/access-entreprises-files/my-office-registraire-entreprises/access}$

¹⁰ https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/businesses/sector-specific-measures/attestation-de-revenu-quebec/

¹¹ https://www.rbq.gouv.qc.ca/en/licence-6/

2. Fill in the non-renewal application form

▶ On the home page of your AMP e-Services session, select *Public Contracts*, then *Renewal/Non-renewal*.



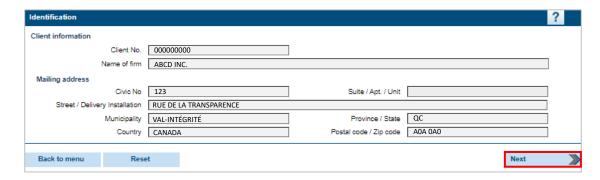
- ► The five steps of the application form will appear in sequence on your screen :
 - 1. Identification
 - 2. Intention of non-renewal
 - 3. Declaration
 - 4. Transmission
 - 5. Confirmation

2.1 Identification

Verify the information displayed on the screen.

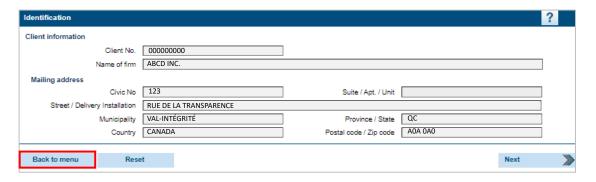
If everything is exact

► Click on *Next* and continue to step 2.2 (Intention of non-renewal).



If any information is incorrect

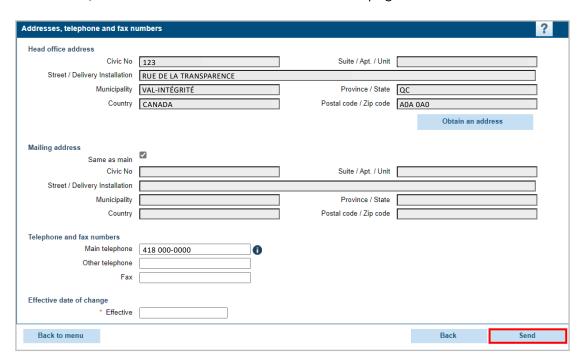
Click on Back to menu to return to the home page.



Select Client File, then Contact details and Consultation/Update.



➤ Your enterprise's contact details will appear on the screen. Make any necessary corrections, then click on *Send* to return to the home page



Select Public Contracts, then Renewal/Non-renewal to return to the form.



Make sure that all information is correct, then click on Next.



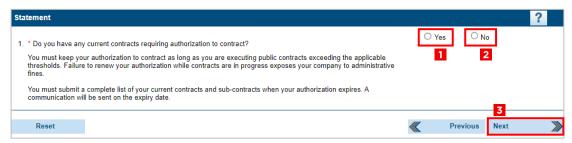
2.2 Intention of non-renewal

- ► Check the box *I* do not wish to renew my authorization (1).
- ► Then, click on *Next* (2) to continue to the next step.



2.3 Declaration

- ▶ If you have any ongoing public contracts which require authorization to contract, check **Yes** (1). If you have no such contracts, check **No** (2).
- ▶ Then, click on *Next* (3) to continue to the next step.

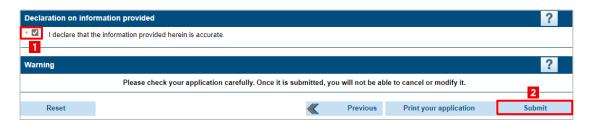


IMPORTANT

- ▶ It is compulsory to hold a valid authorization to contract for the duration of a contract with a value exceeding the <u>applicable government tresholds</u>.
 - For more details: https://www.amp.quebec/en/seuils-et-categories-de-contrats-publics
- ▶ If you let your authorization expire while a contract is in force, you may be subject to Monetary administrative penalty (\$1,000 for sole proprietorships and \$2,500 in all other cases).

2.4 Transmission

- ► Check the box I declare that the information provided herein is accurate (1).
- ▶ Then click on *Submit* (2) to send your non-renewal application to AMP.



2.5 Confirmation

- ► This page will confirm that your non-renewal application was sent to AMP (1).
- ► This is where you will see your client number and your application number (2) Please keep this information in case you need to contact AMP.



➤ You will also receive a Confirmation of delivery in the *Secure Message Inbox* section of e-Services (return to home page for access).



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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