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Broader Public Sector Perquisites Directive Issued by the Ontario Government

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Management Board of Cabinet has issued the Broader Public Sector Perquisites Directive (the Directive), dated August 2, 2011, which will apply to any person in a designated broader public sector (BPS) organization, including appointees, board members, elected officials (e.g. school trustees) and employees.

The Directive has been issued under the provisions of the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010*, pertaining to Perquisites, which come into effect on August 2, 2011. The Directive requires every designated BPS organization to establish rules with respect to perquisites, and states that certain perquisites are not allowed under any circumstances. Perquisites which are not allowed include recreational or social club memberships, seasons tickets to cultural or sporting events and access to private health clinics. A perquisite will be allowed in limited and exceptional circumstances, where it is demonstrated to be a business-related requirement for the effective performance of an individual's job.

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