

Questions for the political parties

As part of the Quebec election campaign, the Association de la construction du Québec (ACQ), the Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec (APCHQ), the Corporation des propriétaires immobiliers du Québec (CORPIQ) and the Institut de développement urbain du Québec (IDU) have joined forces to question the political parties on the issues that directly affect housing and construction. Construction and renovation costs, regulatory relief, the completion of new projects and workforce training are among the topics covered.

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General comment

The Coalition Avenir Québec did not answer the questionnaire question by question. On September 28, 2026, it sent a letter whose content is reproduced below.

Thank you for sending us the questions prepared by your organizations and for your interest in our positions on them. Like you, our Coalition is aware of the essential role the construction industry plays in addressing the challenges facing Quebec. We would therefore like to highlight the invaluable contribution your organizations make to advancing its priorities.

Our Coalition has always been a partner of your industry and has made sure to adopt the measures needed for its prosperity. We are thinking in particular of the adoption of the *Act to modernize the construction industry*, a major reform of the sector's legislative framework that facilitates worker mobility and introduces versatility between trades. We have also always supported the various initiatives put in place to address the labour shortage and to reduce construction costs.

You highlight the economic importance of your industry and its central role in Quebec's development. We recognize this and wish to continue contributing to the growth of your industry. That is why we have announced several measures to that effect, including:

- A review of the Quebec Building Code;
- A reform of the CCQ to increase competitiveness;
- The creation of a priority status for housing construction to speed up the granting of authorizations.

These measures reflect our desire to focus regulation where the real risk warrants it, to ease requirements where the current framework no longer matches the real risks, and to make the regulatory framework more predictable so that projects can be planned, financed and carried out with confidence.

We remain open to working with all stakeholders in the sector, including your organization, and our team remains available to continue these discussions during the next mandate.

Équipe Christine Fréchette

About the organizations

Association de la construction du Québec (ACQ)

The leading organization promoting and defending the interests of contractors in Quebec's construction industry, the Association de la construction du Québec (ACQ) is the largest multi-sector, voluntary-membership association in the industry. Under Act R-20, the ACQ is the employer bargaining agent for all employers in the institutional, commercial and industrial (ICI) sectors. The ACQ represents more than 20,000 businesses that generate over 64% of the total hours worked and reported in the industry. It is also active in the residential sector, notably because hours worked on the construction of new residential buildings of more than six storeys are counted in the commercial sector, and through its subsidiary ACQ-Résidentiel. With a network of 10 regional associations located in 17 cities across Quebec, it offers its members a wide range of tools and services.

Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec (APCHQ)

Founded in 1961, the Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec (APCHQ) is a private non-profit organization that, through its network and regional associations, represents and supports more than 28,000 businesses in the residential construction and renovation industry. Since 1995, it has been the employer representative mandated to negotiate the collective agreement on behalf of employers in the residential construction sector. The APCHQ's mission is to be a unifying agent of change for the benefit of Quebec society, and it acts as a driver of social and economic development by promoting sustainability and quality in housing.

Corporation des propriétaires immobiliers du Québec (CORPIQ)

A non-profit organization bringing together 30,000 landlords and property managers who own nearly 600,000 rental units and condos, the Corporation des propriétaires immobiliers du Québec (CORPIQ) has been the largest association providing services to residential landlords and defending their interests for more than 40 years. It serves every region from four offices with a total of 60 employees. Quebec landlords provide housing to 1.4 million tenant households and, in seven out of ten cases, own a duplex or triplex.

Institut de développement urbain du Québec (IDU)

Founded in 1987, the Institut de développement urbain du Québec (IDU) is an independent non-profit organization. The IDU is the largest representative of the commercial real estate industry in Quebec. The IDU produces content on real estate and the urban fabric. It acts primarily as a partner between industry members, public authorities and all stakeholders in the commercial real estate ecosystem. The commercial real estate industry contributes more than \$20 billion annually to Quebec's GDP and more than \$5 billion in tax revenue for governments and municipalities. For Quebec's seven largest cities, it accounts on average for nearly half, or 45.8%, of their total property tax revenue. With combined spending of more than \$24.5 billion, it supports close to one hundred thousand jobs.