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3rd floor – Personal savings
- RRSP, TFSA, properties, etc.

2nd floor – Employer plan
- RREGOP pension

1st floor – Public plans
- Old Age Security Pension (OAS)
- Québec Pension Plan (QPP)

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It should be noted that:
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- The employer will contribute the same amount as this plan is equally funded between the employer and the workers.

Fig. 2 – Contribution rate on full pay ($30,000)

Fig. 3 – Contribution rate on full pay ($55,900)

Fig. 4 – Contribution rate on full pay ($80,000)