

place of the benefit, a lump-sum payment equal to the benefit that would be payable over a period of five years.

## Article 18

### *Conditions for the Maintenance of Rights*

1. When the acquisition of the right to a benefit under the legislation of Mexico is conditional on being subject to that legislation at the time of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the benefit, that condition shall be deemed to be met if, at that time, the person concerned is subject to the legislation of Canada or, if this is not the case, is receiving a benefit under the legislation of Canada of the same type or of a different type but based on creditable periods completed by that person. The same principle shall apply to the granting of death and survivors benefits for which, if necessary, account is taken of the status of the deceased person as being insured or the recipient of a benefit at the time of death.
2. When, for the acquisition of the right to a benefit under the legislation of Mexico, a person must have completed a creditable period in a prescribed period immediately before the occurrence of the event giving rise to the benefit, that condition shall be deemed to be met if the competent institution of Canada certifies that the person concerned has completed a creditable period under the legislation of Canada during that same period.