



INCOME ASSISTANCE SUMMARY



The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) runs the Income Assistance and disability program for BC. You may be eligible if you are: out of work, have no other resources or sources of income, waiting for other sources of income to arrive, can't work at all, or urgently in need of food, shelter, or medical attention.

The Different Categories of Income Assistance (IA):

Employable (Regular IA)	Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)	Person with Disabilities (PWD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employment Plan ✓ Basic Medical & Emergency Dental Only ✓ Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$400 /month ✓ My Self Serve application online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No Employment Related Obligations ✓ Schedule C Benefits ✓ Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$700/month ✓ Medical Verification Required (Medical Form Completed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No Employment Related Obligations ✓ Schedule C Benefits ✓ Annual Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$12,000/year ✓ PWD Application Must Be Completed

Sole Recipient with Disabled Child

- Dependant special needs or disabled child where the single person caring for the child is unable to work more than 30 hours/week
- Employment Plan/employment obligations, and restrictions of caring for disabled child is reflected in the plan
- Medical Confirmation Required (Reviewed every 12 months)
- Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$700/month

No Employment Related Obligations (NEO)

This category includes: PPMB, single parents, foster parents or people with "child in home of a relative" where the child is under the age of 3; people in hospital, treatment facilities or rehab; person unable to leave home because of caring for a disabled spouse; person has left an abusive relationship in the past six month; person has reached the age of 65 etc.

Requirements to Apply for PPMB & PWD:

Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)

- Applicant must have been receiving regular IA for 12 out of the past 15 months
- Complete employment screening and if the score is:
 - 15+, the person must then show they have a condition that "impedes" them from searching for, accepting or continuing employment.
 - Less than 14, must show they are **precluded from** searching for, accepting, or continuing employment
- The condition must be verified by a doctor that their condition existed for at least one year and that it will continue to exist for two more years.

Person with Disabilities (PWD)

- Be at least 18 years old
- Severe mental and/or physical impairment(s)
- Doctor confirmed condition will likely continue for at least two years
- Directly and significantly restricted in their ability to perform daily living activities (i.e. personal care, taking medication, budgeting, banking, housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation etc.)
- Need significant help from another person, assistive device, or assistive animal for daily living activities

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