

ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTS

There is a selection of supplements available through the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) to assist with a variety of needs including medical expenses, unexpected expenses and other assortment of benefits.



TO BE ELIGIBLE

There are 3 different categories of income assistance: **Employable** (regular IA), **Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers** (PPMB) and **Persons with Disabilities** (PWD). See the table below to see which supplements fit under which category of Ministry assistance:

| AVAILABLE TO ALL RECIPIENTS | | |
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| GENERAL SUPPLEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Appeal Supplement + BC Bus Pass Program + Camp Fees + Child Benefits Top-up + Christmas + Confirmed Job + Co-op Share Purchase + Crisis Supplements + Family Maintenance + Funeral Costs + Guide/Service Dog | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + ID Supplement + Lost or Stolen Cheque + Moving, Transportation and Living Costs + Security & Pet Security Deposit + Pre-Natal Shelter + School Start-Up + Transportation to Alcohol & Drug Facilities + Travel Supplement + Utility Security Deposit | HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Alcohol & Drug Residential Treatment Supplement + Diet Supplement + Emergency Dental Supplements + Infant Formula Supplement + Natal Supplement + Short Term Nutritional Supplement + Optical Supplement + Tube Feeding Supplement |
| PPMB & PWD RECIPIENTS ONLY | | PWD RECIPIENTS ONLY |
| SUPPLEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Alternative Hearing Assistance + Dental Supplement + Extended Medical Therapies + Hearing Aids Supplement + Medical Supplies | | SUPPLEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Medical Equipment + Medical Devices + Medical Transportation + Orthotics & Bracing + Transportation supplement or PWD Bus Pass Program + Monthly Nutritional Supplement |

Source: [Health Supplements Summary Table - Province of British Columbia](#)

Assessing Eligibility

Eligibility for some supplements are determined by the worker while others require a form to be completed or through an assessment done by a medical professional (i.e. an occupational therapist). Some requests may go to the Health Assistance Branch of the Ministry where they will determine eligibility for the supplement.