

# INCOME ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) runs the Income Assistance and disability programs for British Columbia. You may be eligible if you are:

- + Out of work or 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"> <li>✓ Employment Plan</li> <li>✓ Schedule C Benefits</li> <li>✓ Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$400/month</li> <li>✓ My Self Serve application online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No Employment Related Obligations</li> <li>✓ Schedule C Benefits</li> <li>✓ Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$700/month</li> <li>✓ Medical Verification Required (Medical Form Completed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No Employment Related Obligations</li> <li>✓ Schedule C Benefits</li> <li>✓ Annual Earnings Exemption for a single person is \$12,000/year</li> <li>✓ PWD Application must be completed</li> </ul>

### Exemptions from Employment-Related Obligations

There are some temporary exemptions from employment-related obligations for those who meet specific criteria. Some examples include:

- + Those who are 65 years of age or older
- + Those who have left an abusive relationship within the last 6 months
- + Sole recipients with a disabled child
- + Sole recipients with a child under the age of three
- + Someone with PWD or PPMB status, etc.

For a full list: [No Employment Obligations - Province of British Columbia](#)

## REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR PPMB & PWD:

### Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)

- + Be eligible as a recipient of Income Assistance or hardship assistance
- + Have multiple severe barriers to employment
- + Have a medical condition that is a barrier to employment that has lasted or occurred frequently for at least 1 year
- + The health condition will likely continue or recur for at least 2 years

### Person with Disabilities (PWD)

- + Be at least 18 years old
- + Have 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