

PERSONS WITH PERSISTENT MULTIPLE BARRIERS SUMMARY

Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) is for people who are not able to work due to severe and long-term medical condition(s) and experience other barriers to employment. The medical condition must be severe enough that it prevents or severely impacts their ability to look for, accept, or continue employment now or in the foreseeable future.



TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PPMB YOU MUST:

- + Show financial eligibility – based on income, assets, and size of family unit
- + Have a health condition that has lasted for at least a year and will likely continue for 2 or more years
- + The health condition seriously impedes the applicant's ability to search for, accept or continue working
- + Have at least 1 additional barrier to searching, accepting, or continuing employment

ASSETS INFORMATION

You must meet specific income and asset criteria to receive the PPMB benefit.

The general asset exemption limits are:

- + \$5,000 for a single person that has the PPMB designation
- + \$10,000 for single parent, a couple where one or both have the PPMB designation and a couple with 1 child

For a full list: [Assets & Exemptions - Province of British Columbia](#)

NOTE

Some assets are allowed and do not count towards the general limit. They include your home, one motor vehicle, clothing, necessary household equipment, a Registered Disability Saving Plan, and qualified trust assets

HOW TO APPLY

If you are already on income assistance (IA), you can request a PPMB application from the Ministry. If not, you must first complete the income assistance online application at <https://myselfserve.gov.bc.ca/>.

- + Connect with the Ministry in person or by calling **1-866-866-0800** to request the application form
- + Complete the application form (HR1892)
 - + Section 1 - Filled out by a health professional
 - + Section 2 - Filled out by the applicant
- + Submit the form at your local Ministry office or by mailing it
- + The Ministry will assess the application and send you a decision letter

DECISION

If you disagree with the Ministry's decision on your PPMB eligibility, you have the right to appeal the decision. This must be done within 20 business days of being informed of the decision. If you need assistance with filling out the reconsideration, you can find an advocate in your area at <https://www.povnet.org/find-an-advocate>.