

# MOVING SUPPLEMENT

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction may provide a moving supplement in specific situations for individuals on income assistance, hardship assistance or disability assistance. In order to qualify for the moving supplement, both the following MUST apply:

- ✓ There are no other resources available to the family to cover moving costs
- ✓ Must have approval first from the ministry before incurring moving costs (with some exceptions)



## THE SUPPLEMENT MAY BE PROVIDED IF:

- + You have confirmed employment
- + You are moving to substantially less rent
- + Transportation is needed to a child protection hearing
- + You have been compelled to move from your current rental situation
- + You are facing an imminent threat to the physical safety of anyone in the family unit
- + Your place has been sold, is being demolished or is condemned and notice to vacate has been given

### STORAGE FEES

If a person is eligible for the supplement and needs to store possessions for a limited time, storage fees may be paid by the ministry depending on the circumstances

### SHIPPING COSTS FOR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Recipients will not be paid to ship items out of province such as heavy furniture or household goods. Exceptions may include items that are necessary to help with a person's disability (i.e. motorized mobility device)

## HOW TO APPLY

- + Contact the Ministry at **1-866-866-0800** to let them know you are moving and the reasons for your move.
- + The Ministry will ask you to get moving estimates from licensed moving companies.
- + Submit financial statements to show all the resources that could have been used to cover the moving costs.
- + Submit estimates to the ministry for approval. Once approved, arrangements will be made to cover the approved costs and you can go ahead with your moving arrangements.
- + If you submit the cost of a rental truck, the moving supplement will cover the cost of the rental only and not cover cost of your labour or anyone who helps you.

Source: [Moving, Transportation, & Living Costs - Province of British Columbia](#)

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If you move without getting pre-approval from the Ministry you may be reimbursed **IF** there were exceptional circumstances (i.e. fleeing abuse)