

WORK INCOME

Part of your work income is exempted when your benefit is calculated (see “Exempted work income” in the tables above).

The exemption also applies to the following income:

- maternity benefits, paternity benefits, parental benefits and adoption benefits
- compassionate care benefits paid under the Employment Insurance program

LIQUID ASSETS

A person who receives last-resort financial assistance can have a certain amount of liquid assets (depending on their situation) without their benefit being affected. This is called a basic exemption, and the amounts that apply in various situations are set in the Regulation.

BASIC EXEMPTIONS

Social Assistance Program	Social Solidarity Program
Adult: \$1,500 for an independent adult or a family with only 1 adult. Family: \$2,500	Adult: \$2,500 for an independent adult or a family with only 1 adult. Family: \$5,000

NOTE:

Liquid assets are not considered under the Aim for Employment Program.

NEED HELP FINDING A JOB?

The Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale offers a variety of measures and services to prepare you for work or help you actively search for a job.

CHANGE IN YOUR SITUATION

If there is a change in your situation (if you start earning income, have a new spouse, move, etc.), it is important that you fill out the *Statement of Change* form and send it to the Ministère. Such changes could affect the amount of financial assistance you are granted.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See the **Québec.ca** website.

Call 1 877 644-4545 (toll free).

Go to a Services Québec office or a local employment centre (CLE).

Note

This general information document may not be used for legal interpretation purposes.

NEW BENEFIT AMOUNTS



Social Assistance Program
Social Solidarity Program
Aim for Employment Program

**IN EFFECT AS OF
JANUARY 1, 2019**

INDEXATION OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS, SOCIAL SOLIDARITY BENEFITS AND AIM FOR EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

On January 1, 2019, the benefits will be indexed by 1.71%.

BENEFIT

Financial assistance consists of a basic benefit, to which may be added:

For recipients under the Social Assistance Program

- A temporarily limited capacity allowance
- Adjustments for dependent children
- Adjustments for adults
- Special benefits
- An increased amount for independent adults

For recipients under the Social Solidarity Program

- Adjustments for dependent children
- Adjustments for adults
- Special benefits

For participants in the Aim for Employment Program

- An additional exemption to work income
- Special benefits
- Adjustments for dependent children

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)	BASIC BENEFIT	TEMPORARILY LIMITED CAPACITY ALLOWANCE	ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT	TOTAL AMOUNT	EXEMPTED WORK INCOME
1 adult					
No limited capacity for employment	\$644	\$0	\$25	\$669	\$200
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$644	\$136	\$25	\$805	\$200
1 spouse of a student					
No limited capacity for employment	\$178	\$0	\$25	\$203	\$200
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$178	\$136	\$25	\$339	\$200
1 independent adult who is sheltered or required to live in an institution for social integration purposes or 1 minor sheltered with her dependent child	\$245	\$0	\$0	\$245	\$200
2 adults					
No limited capacity for employment	\$997	\$0	\$25	\$1,022	\$300
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$997	\$235	\$25	\$1,257	\$300
2 adults in different situations					
1 adult with no limited capacity for employment and 1 adult with a temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$997	\$136	\$25	\$1,158	\$300

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Social Assistance Program** offers financial assistance to persons who have no limitations to employment or who have a temporarily limited capacity for employment. It also grants assistance to families whose adult members have no limitations to employment or in which at least one adult has a temporarily limited capacity for employment.

SOCIAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)	SOCIAL SOLIDARITY BENEFIT	ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT		TOTAL AMOUNT		EXEMPTED WORK INCOME ²
		REGULAR	66/72 ¹	REGULAR	66/72 ¹	
1 adult	\$978	\$83	\$145	\$1,061	\$1,123	\$200
1 spouse of a student	\$496	\$83	\$145	\$579	\$641	\$200
1 independent adult who is sheltered or required to live in an institution for social integration purposes or 1 minor sheltered with her dependent child	\$245	\$0	\$0	\$245	\$0	\$200
2 adults	\$1,463	\$98	\$130	\$1,561	\$1,593	\$300

¹ Starting January 1, 2019, an independent adult or a family in which at least one adult has been a recipient under the Social Solidarity Program for 66 months over the previous 72 months will see his or her benefit increased.

² Starting January 1, 2019, exempted work income under the Social Solidarity Program will rise from \$100 to \$200 for an independent adult, and from \$100 to \$300 for a couple.

SOCIAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM

The **Social Solidarity Program** grants financial assistance to persons with a severely limited capacity for employment, as well as to families in which at least one adult has a severely limited capacity for employment.

AIM FOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)	BASIC BENEFIT	ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT	TEMPORARILY LIMITED CAPACITY ALLOWANCE	TOTAL AMOUNT	EXEMPTED WORK INCOME*
1 adult participant	\$644	\$25	\$0	\$669	\$200
2 adult participants	\$997	\$25	\$0	\$1,022	\$300
1 adult participant and 1 non-participating adult with no limitations to employment	\$997	\$25	\$0	\$1,022	\$300
1 adult participant and 1 non-participating adult with temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$997	\$25	\$136	\$1,158	\$300
1 adult participant who is the spouse of a student	\$644	\$25	\$0	\$669	\$200
1 adult participant who is required to live in an institution for social integration purposes	\$644	\$25	\$0	\$669	\$200

AIM FOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The **Aim for Employment Program** offers participants financial assistance and personalized support in order to help them enter the labour market and become financially self-sufficient.

If this is the first time you are eligible for the Social Assistance Program and you meet the requirements for the Aim for Employment Program, you must participate in it.

* If you participate in the Aim for Employment Program, receive work income and are eligible for a benefit of at least \$1, you may be entitled to a further exemption corresponding to 20% of the amount of your work income that is above the exemptions of \$200 and \$300.