

# NEW BENEFIT AMOUNTS



Social Assistance Program  
Aim for Employment Program

**IN EFFECT AS OF  
JANUARY 1, 2020**

## INDEXATION OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS AND AIM FOR EMPLOYMENT AMOUNTS

On January 1, 2020, basic benefits will be indexed by 1.72%.

### 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 participants in the Aim for Employment Program**

- An additional exemption for work income
- Special benefits
- Adjustments for dependant children

## WORK INCOME

Part of your work income is exempted when your benefit is calculated (see “Exempted Work Income” in the table on the other side).

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 receiving social assistance benefits can have a certain amount of liquid assets (depending on their situation) without their benefit being affected.

### BASIC EXEMPTIONS

#### Social Assistance Program

Adult: \$1,500 for an independent adult or a single-parent family.

Family: \$2,500

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Liquid assets include all cash or cash equivalents owned by an independent adult or a family. They also include assets that can be converted to cash in the short term.

#### **NOTE:**

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

<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)</b>	<b>BASIC BENEFIT</b>	<b>TEMPORARILY LIMITED CAPACITY ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXEMPTED WORK INCOME</b>
<b>1 adult</b>					
No limited capacity for employment	\$655	\$0	\$35	\$690	\$200
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$655	\$138	\$35	\$828	\$200
<b>1 spouse of a student</b>					
No limited capacity for employment	\$181	\$0	\$35	\$216	\$200
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$181	\$138	\$35	\$354	\$200
<b>1 independent adult who is sheltered, or who is required to live in an institution for social integration purposes or who is living in a centre that offers addiction treatment services, or 1 minor who is sheltered in an institution with her dependent child</b>	Note <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$0	Note <sup>1</sup>	\$200
<b>2 adults</b>					
No limited capacity for employment	\$1,014	\$0	\$35	\$1,049	\$300
Temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$1,014	\$239	\$35	\$1,288	\$300
<b>2 adults in different situations</b>					
1 adult with no limited capacity for employment and 1 adult with a temporarily limited capacity for employment	\$1,014	\$138	\$35	\$1,187	\$300

<sup>1</sup> Since January 2019, the monthly amount granted as a personal expense allowance to a sheltered person has been determined by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ). To find out the amount, please visit its website, at [www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca).

## 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 1 adult has a temporarily limited capacity for employment.

<b>AIM FOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)</b>	<b>BASIC BENEFIT</b>	<b>TEMPORARILY LIMITED CAPACITY ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXEMPTED WORK INCOME<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>1 adult participant</b>	\$655	\$0	\$35	\$690	\$200
<b>2 adult participants</b>	\$1,014	\$0	\$35	\$1,049	\$300
<b>1 adult participant and 1 non-participating adult with no limitations to employment</b>	\$1,014	\$0	\$35	\$1,049	\$300
<b>1 adult participant and 1 non-participating adult with a temporarily limited capacity for employment</b>	\$1,014	\$138	\$35	\$1,187	\$300
<b>1 adult participant who is the spouse of a student</b>	\$655	\$0	\$35	\$690	\$200
<b>1 adult participant who is required to live in an institution for social integration purposes</b>	\$655	\$0	\$35	\$690	\$200

<sup>2</sup> If the person who participates in the Aim for Employment Program receives work income and is eligible for a payment of at least \$1, the family may be entitled to a further exemption corresponding to 20% of the amount of the work income that is above the exemption indicated.

## 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.

## 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.

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