

NEW BENEFIT AMOUNTS



Social Solidarity Program

**IN EFFECT AS OF
JANUARY 1, 2021**

INDEXATION OF SOCIAL SOLIDARITY BENEFITS

As of January 1, 2021, the basic benefits will be indexed. They will increase by 1.26%.

Along with this indexation, the adjustment to the regular basic benefit will be increased by **\$10 per month** in 2021.

In the case of those who have participated in the program for at least 66 months over the last 72 months, the adjustment to the basic benefit will be increased by **\$75 per month** in 2021 for a household of one adult, and by **\$30 per month** for a household of two adults.

BENEFIT

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

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



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

BASIC EXEMPTIONS

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Adult: \$2,500 for an independent adult or a single-parent family.

Family: \$5,000.

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.

SOCIAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM (MONTHLY AMOUNTS)	BASIC BENEFIT	ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC BENEFIT		TOTAL AMOUNT		EXEMPTED WORK INCOME
		REGULAR	66/72 ¹	REGULAR	66/72 ¹	
1 adult	\$1,008	\$103	\$290	\$1,111	\$1,298	\$200
1 spouse of a student	\$511	\$103	\$290	\$614	\$801	\$200
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	The monthly amount granted as a personal expense allowance to a sheltered person is 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 .					\$200
2 adults	\$1,507	\$118	\$190	\$1,625	\$1,697	\$300

¹ A single adult who received social solidarity benefits for 66 of the 72 previous months, or a family that includes at least one such adult in that situation, is entitled to a higher amount.

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 1 adult has a severely limited capacity for employment.

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).

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