

Seniors Information Line

Toll-free: 1-800-642-3853

Edmonton: (780) 427-7876

Website

An online resource for information on programs and services available to seniors in Alberta: www.seniors.gov.ab.ca

Service Alberta Call Centre

Dial 310-0000 and then the number of the provincial government program you are calling.

Federal Income Programs

Toll-free 1-800-277-9914

www.sdc.gc.ca

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Toll-free 1-877-499-7245

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca



Programs and Services for Seniors

2006-2007

Provincial Programs and Services

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Alberta Seniors Benefit

Provides monthly cash payments for low-income seniors. It has the highest income threshold and monthly payment in the country.

Special Needs Assistance for Seniors

Assists low-income seniors with unexpected or one-time costs such as appliances, essential home repairs and some medical expenses. It is the only program of its kind in Canada.

Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors

Provides senior homeowners with a rebate to cover the year-to-year increase in the education portion of their property taxes.

Dental Assistance for Seniors

Provides up to \$5,000 of coverage every five years for basic dental work.

Optical Assistance for Seniors

Provides up to \$230 every three years for prescription eyeglasses.

In general, single seniors with an annual income of \$21,700 or less, and senior couples with a combined annual income of \$34,900 or less, may qualify for the Alberta Seniors Benefit and Special Needs Assistance programs.

In general, single seniors with an annual income of \$30,630 or less, and senior couples with a combined annual income of \$61,620 or less, may qualify for the dental and optical programs.

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HOUSING PROGRAMS

Seniors Lodge Program

Provides affordable lodge-style (meals and housekeeping) housing for seniors.

Seniors Self-Contained Housing Program

Provides affordable apartments for lower-income seniors who cannot afford private-sector accommodation.

Residential Access Modification Program

Provides grants for low-to moderate-income Albertans who use wheelchairs to make permanent modifications that will increase the mobility into and within their home.

For more information on the above programs, please call the Seniors Information Line.

HEALTH

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Helps seniors purchase medical equipment and supplies for their basic medical needs, as assessed by a health care professional, so they can function more independently in their homes. This is a cost-shared program and can assist with items like hearing aids, wheelchairs and oxygen. Call (780) 427-0731 for more information.

Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for Seniors

Provides premium-free Blue Cross coverage for seniors, their spouses and eligible dependants, with up to \$25,000 in health-related benefits per person each year. Seventy per cent of prescription drug costs are covered, and seniors only pay up to \$25 per prescription or refill.

HEALTH

Alberta Monitoring for Health Program

Assists lower-income Albertans who have diabetes, including those who control their diabetes through diet and daily oral medication, in covering part of the cost of eligible diabetes management supplies. Call 1-800-267-7532 or 423-2634 in Edmonton for more information.

LISTENING TO ALBERTA'S SENIORS

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta

Consults with seniors and seniors' organizations about their ideas and concerns, and makes recommendations to government on policies and services related to seniors. Call (780) 422-2321 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

Any provincial government program can be contacted toll-free through the **Service Alberta Call Centre**.

To use this service anywhere in Alberta, dial **310-0000** and then enter the 10 digit telephone number, or dial zero for assistance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Seniors Information Line

Provides detailed information on a wide range of programs and services for seniors living in Alberta.

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Seniors Programs and Services Information Guide

Provides detailed information about the programs, benefits and services available to seniors in Alberta, including information about income support, housing, health services, transportation and recreation. To obtain a copy, call the Seniors Information Line or visit the website.

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Provincial Programs and Services

OTHER

Office of the Public Guardian

Provides guardianship services for people who are unable to make personal, non-financial decisions for themselves. The office also provides information on personal directives. For more information, call **310-0000** and ask for the office nearest you.

Protection for Persons in Care

Investigates complaints of abuse involving adults receiving services from government funded agencies such as nursing homes, lodges, hospitals and group homes. Anyone who believes an adult in such a facility has been abused must report the abuse to the **Protection for Persons in Care** line at **1-888-357-9339** or to the police.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Provides supports that assist developmentally disabled adults to be active in their communities. Call **(780) 427-2817** for more information.

Seniors Fraud Awareness Program If in Doubt, Check it Out

Educates seniors and caregivers about the most common types of fraud and how to protect against fraud and scams. Call the Seniors Information Line for more information.

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Old Age Security

Paid monthly to seniors who are 65 and over, and who have lived in Canada for a minimum of 10 years.

Guaranteed Income Supplement

Paid monthly to seniors who receive Old Age Security and have little or no other income. The Guaranteed Income Supplement is added to the Old Age Security payment.

The Allowance/Allowance for the Survivor

Paid monthly to Canadians aged 60 to 64 with a low-income and whose spouse or common-law partner receives the Guaranteed Income Supplement or has passed away.

Canada Pension Plan

Paid monthly to those who have contributed to the Canada Pension Plan. Payments may begin as early as age 60. Survivor benefits are also available through this program.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program

Provides a forgivable home repair loan for disabled people, homeowners and owners of rooming houses.

Emergency Repair Program

Helps low-income homeowners in rural areas with emergency repairs required to keep their home safe.

Home Adaptation for Seniors Independence program

Provides a forgivable loan for seniors 65 and older for minor home adaptations for age-related difficulties.

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